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FIRST EDITION.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH SCANDAL.

ging Letter from Mrs. Moulton to the hurch—Her Charges Against the Pastor epeated with Emphasis—Deacon West's etter Laid on the Table—The Examining Committee Put Upon His Track —Mr. Beecher Makes a Warlike Speech.

EW YORK, December 3.—Mrs. Moulton has ressed a letter to the members of Plymouth rch, in reply to the one addressed to her adopted by them on Friday evening last:

do not believe there was any one more ful to Plymouth church than I was up to time I became acquainted with the great cedness which Mr. Beecher had committed his relations with Mrs. Tilton. After it did not seem possible for me go to church and hear him preach take the sacrament from his ds, and I stopped doing so. I could not i any satisfaction hear him preach of pu- and Christian joy while I knew of his se- agony and his acknowledged, but hidden,

That I did not go elsewhere for worship the sacrament, was almost wholly owing im. He begged me again and again to back, and when I said I could not till he acknowledged his sin and so atoned for it ir as he could, he was sad and depressed, to tears; yet if I went away from Ply- th church to any other, while he was all time coming to our house, it would, of se, attract attention, cause suspicion and arrass him very much, as well as my hus- , who was then trying hard, under Mr. cher's constant urgency, to keep the ul secret from the public; I should not w he had to say if I was asked the reason for and it might be the means of doing a great y to those who wanted to shield and help.

Beecher, too, had, more than any other, sented to me the Christian religion, and ring reproach upon him seemed an injury t. So I abstained from going elsewhere, it should harm him and indirectly bring gs to light which he was all the while ld would become known and which it did ly before to me to decide. Mr. Beecher ly ought to be the last man in the world blame me for what I did in his alf. He knows, I could not, not speak truth more perfectly than I have ten it here if I was standing this moment re God's Throne of Judgment. When Tilton's name was dropped by you two s ago, I told Mr. Beecher that I was afraid would sometime want to drop mine in the e way, and he then most earnestly assured that it should never be done, that he would to it himself that I should never be in any injured by his church. I really do not see Mr. Beecher, knowing as well as he does perfect truth of what I say; knowing how sed to creep at our house and heap shame n himself for his great sin, and how often spoke to my husband and myself the utter despair in which he would be pt for our comfort and help—I cannot see it was possible for him to stand up and this letter to me in your presence with- his very soul giving way."

rs. Moulton refers to other parts of the er and says there were a great many things which are incorrect and injurious, some hich she mentions as follows:

ou say that as far as the church or the mittee knew, I had never made any state- at impugning the purity of Mr. Beecher, in any conversations. But in that very rt I had stated, under oath, that I had le precisely the same statement which I e since made in my protest to you, long to one of the leading members and officers church, telling him that Mr. Beecher's was adultery and that he and Mrs. on had both confessed it to me. If statements was slander, he had lared the fact of my uttering the slander ore the world and might, months ago, have n called to account. But I never knew re that false-swearing in a court of justice n offense which the Church of Christ is willing or unable to punish; and if you k that I lied in that public manner and in somehow hoped that I lied in order to in the minister whom I had loved as much ny of you, and whom I had done my very t to uphold and comfort for three dismal rs, through the time of an anguish which as mercifully hiding from you, you ought the more to have tried and condemned me, ead of dropping my name.

he letter concludes as follows:

had a heavy burden to carry, and I am y to say it has been taken off. The letter ion which I have received from the church he five years past was the notice that my e was to be dropped from the roll the next ning. My proposal to you in my previous er was that you should unite with me in ng a council of churches, before which should state your reasons for your action I should state mine, and which should im- tially judge between us. That proposal I erstand you to have accepted. The ques- then pending before the decision ought, I think, e these:

First—Have my convictions in regard to the ty conduct of Mr. Beecher been justified the evidence I have had?

Second—If they have been justified, ought I to have attended his ministry and re- ved the sacrament from his hands, while by the reasons which I have stated, from ldrawing from the church?

Third—When I had decided to the church my ons for being absent from the services. had protested against being dropped from th, ought I to have been first stopped, hout further trial and with neither censure recommendation?

Fourth—If I was improperly removed from month church, will the council give me a ifestation of the fact upon which to enter ther church?

I am not, perhaps, well able to judge other the six questions which you propose ne to have submitted to the council cover same ground with little difference of mind. Yours ear to me less distinct—perhaps because I not understand them so well—and mine to e upon directly the practical issue be- en us. I suppose it is my right to something to say about the questions be submitted, and accordingly I propose t yours be submitted as you put them, and t mine be added to them, as follows: In this r I think the whole case between us will e up, and the questions which I wish to e covered will have their answer with ers. When you notify me of your accept- e of this proposal, please inform me also to d me the names of ten or twelve churches ich you would wish to invite to the coun- with two or three additional pastors and wise sisters who are not now in the pastoral re, as I am informed is customary? Then ill add as many more to the list, such as may be known to me to of good standing in the denomination and h the Christian public, and the letters of itation can at once be sent out.

"Respectfully yours,
EMMA C. MOULTON."

CASE OF DEACON WEST.

t a business meeting of Plymouth church ight, Mr. Shearman said he had received a er from Wm. F. West, which he presumed the members of the church had read, as it s published the same day he received it. motion of Mr. Beecher the letter was laid the table. S. V. White offered the following olutions:

Resolved, First—That, irrespective of the tents of letters addressed to the trustees of the publication of such letters by ir authors, in advance of their actual pre- ation to the church meeting assembled, a flagrant and presumptively intentional ult, and its own self-respect will not par- this church to consider any letters thus t and published by one of its members, ex- for the purpose of exercising suitable dis- line upon members so offending.

Second—That the contents of the letter now ived from Mr. West, if unexplained by constitute, in the judgment of the church, aggravation of his acknowledged offense publishing it in advance of presentation he church, and that any demand by one mber of the church for an investiga- ion into charges against another member, which charges the member king the demand does not himself vouch in any way, is termed by the church a vio- on of propriety and a clear evasion of a responsibility; while a demand that such ged charges shall be submitted in the first tance to a council, before the church has any opportunity to investigate them, and ore they have been in fact made to the rch, is so plain a violation of Congregation- usage and Christian decency as to excite e doubts of the sincerity and good faith of h a request.

hird—That the Examining Committee is eby instructed to summon Wm. F. West ore them at an early day, and to seek from a satisfactory explanation of the contact hese matters; and if no explanation is re- ved from him, changing the aspect of his as presented by his own letter, to advise i to make forthwith a full and ample apol- , and in case of his refusal to comply with advice of the committee, they are further tructed to take such prompt action as the ld of the church may require under the pren-

he reading of these resolutions was fol- ed by prolonged applause, which increased en Mr. Beecher took the floor. He said he s sorry this church had become the cause of ch excitement through the public journals, he called every person to witness that this t not been of the church's own seeking, but s brought on by adversaries outside of it. y had been seeking to live in harmony h every person and their work which they been enabled to pursue through- the past years had abated nothing its details. They had endeavored to be one-living, home-staying Christian church most of their trouble, flashing like fires n the newspapers, had been brought upon m. There was a saying before Ply- uth church was assaulted she showed her gs, "and so it would always be; whenever she assaulted she would always show her gs. [Tremendous applause.] They had al- ys, as a church, endeavored to discharge the ies and trusts imposed on them and, con- ant with their ideas of what these duties trusts consisted in, to be- re tenderly and not to act pre- ipitately in their judgment of the claims ir church to wind up their affairs, while they had been doing this, there had been uching at every step, vigilant men who ght out their faults. Not one minister of istian had come to him, bearing the fellow- p of their brethren and asking: Why was e done? They had stood amid a crowd of lchers for a period of years. They had ught that by this unexpected delay would drive the urch into a state of isolation, but this could y occur when this church should be put out fellowship with the other churches, and not on they went out. They were in favor of project that each church should govern its n affairs. He desired to say that the time silence had gone by [Applause]; that ntervene to be said and should be said, uld be said; and when the matters of this rch were at issue, he intended to be there. regard to the case before them, he ded to say that he had not any e feelings toward the persons ught forward in this controversy than feelings of Brotherhood in God, but he ught that when parties were trying hard to- the church, the church should remove m from fellowship. These resolutions had hearty approval, and he was sure they uld have the hearty assent of every right- ded person in the church; and they should acted upon at once, unless the brethren wished ive up their organization as a church.

r. Beecher then took his seat, the end of remarks being received with hearty ap- use from the members of the church.

t. West moved the reference of the reso- ions to the Examining Committee, which s carried by a standing and unanimous e.

r. Shearman then stated that he had re- ved a letter from Mrs. Moulton, h he was informed that it had ady been circulated around the spaper offices for publication, and he now ired to know what should be done with it. r. Beecher moved its reference to the Ex- ining Committee to report back what action church should take in the premises. This tion was accepted and the letter was not d. After singing a hymn and the benedic- n the meeting adjourned.

Allegheny Valley Railroad.

new time table for this road is announced s morning in the proper place. It goes into ect next Monday.

Rising Sun Flour

he cheapest in the end.

TITUS-OATES.

The Divorce Case Decided for Mrs. Oates —She Resumes Her Maiden Name and Recovers Her Property.

LOUISVILLE, December 3.—Chancellor Bruce this morning rendered his decision in the Titus-Oates divorce case, granting a decree of divorce to Mrs. Alice O. Titus from Tracy W. Titus. The maiden name, Alice O. Oates, of the plaintiff is restored, as is also the property which passed to Titus by their marriage. This is all she asks. Mr. Titus, when last heard from, was starring on his way in Australia, and in all probability has not heard of the decision. The suit which has thus been decided has been in progress since the 30th day of last July, when Mrs. Titus' petition was filed. In this petition she states that on the 23d day of November, 1873, after this marriage and without fault on her part, Titus contracted the habit of drunkenness, accompanied with a wasting of her estate, without making any suitable provision, or in fact any provision whatever, for the support of his wife, who has earned her own living starring through the States as an actress.

CROOKED WHISKEY.

William O. Avery Convicted at St. Louis, and Taft and Weimer at Milwaukee.

ST. LOUIS, December 3.—The arguments in the Avery case were heard to-day and consumed the entire session of the court. The jury retired about half-past five, and after being out about four hours returned a verdict of guilty on one count of the indictment, the other three having been pronounced bad by the Court. Judge Krum, counsel for Avery, gave notice that he would file a motion for a new trial, and he and Avery left the court room, it being understood that no additional bond would be required for the present at least.

MILWAUKEE, December 3.—In the Taft & Weimer case, to-day, Judge Hubbel concluded his argument for the defense and was followed by ex-Senator Carpenter for the same side. Judge Dixon then closed the argument for the Government. Judge Dyer charged the jury, who went out at 5:35 P. M. A little before eleven o'clock the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The indictment charged them with conspiracy to defraud the revenue.

MEMPHIS.

Decision of Supreme Court on Validity of City Bonds.

MEMPHIS, December 3.—In the case of the bondholders vs. the City of Memphis, the Supreme Court of Tennessee has decided that a million dollars of the bonds issued by Mayor Leftwich, in 1868, was legal, but the excess of $125,000 was illegal, as he was only authorized to issue one million; secondly, that though the bonds had been sold at a greater discount than six per cent., the transaction was neither illegal nor usurious, and the city can neither plead usury nor scale the bonds; thirdly, that the city is compelled to levy taxes necessary to pay the interest on the bonds used prior to 1875, notwithstanding the new charter limits the amount to be levied.

CRIMINAL RECORD.

School Girl Murdered in New York.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., December 3.—Sarah Conklin, aged fourteen, was murdered on Tuesday while returning from school through a piece of woods, in Rutland. A boy named Rutan, aged sixteen, has been arrested.

Chicago Body-Snatching—The Remains Identified.

CHICAGO, December 3.—The body of the woman taken from the Graceland Cemetery and sent in a barrel to the office of the United States Express Company here, has been identified as that of Mrs. Emma F. Adams, wife of a prominent hardware dealer of this city, who is at present in New York. The body was buried on the 20th of November, and exhumed under the direction of Dr. Wilbur on Wednesday. Warrants are out for the arrest of Wilder, but the officers have not been able to find him.

Dishonest Postoffice Clerk.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., December 3.—Nathan Sprague, accused clerk in the postoffice for about two years, was arrested this morning for stealing letters and plead guilty.

Robbery of City Auditor's Office in Toledo.

TOLEDO, December 3.—About one o'clock this afternoon a man stepped into the office of the City Auditor and informed the clerk in charge that a lady in a carriage at the door, desired to see him relative to the purchase of some bonds. While the clerk was thus engaged, the stranger abstracted a box containing $2,100 in currency, and has made good his escape.

An Inquisitive Juror Fined and Imprisoned.

CHICAGO, December 3.—A juror, named J. A. Furgeson, in the United States Court, in the case of Royal Hill vs. the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, involving over $100,000, having summoned Mr. J. W. J. Walton, the principal witness for the plaintiff, and having made inquiries of Walton as to the amount involved in this suit, etc., Judge Blodgett, after ascertaining the surrounding circumstances, sentenced the juror to pay $500 and to two months imprisonment in the county jail. Furgeson admitted the facts, but denied any base intent. The remaining eleven jurors were discharged and the case proceeded before another.

A Philadelphian Murdered in Detroit.

DETROIT, December 3.—The *Free Press* contains the story of a cruel and unprovoked murder which was committed in this city this evening, the victim being Peter Wehelin, late of Philadelphia, a sailor, and the murderer another sailor known as "Pluk" Campbell. The deed was done in a sailor boarding-house. Wehelin was struck first upon one side of the neck and then upon the other, by Campbell, with his fist, and afterward kicked in the abdomen, which proved most instantaneous. Campbell escaped. He belongs in Toronto, is twenty-three years old, five feet nine inches high, slender built, light straight hair, smooth face, no beard and large dark eyes. He wore a dark cloth coat, soldier's blouse, dark pants and a black alpaca cap.

Attempt to Murder and Rob in a San Francisco Hotel.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 3.—A bold attempt at robbery and murder was made at the Palace Hotel this afternoon. A young man, calling himself S. H. Harrington, requested Hopkins & Haley, brokers, to send $5,700 in greenbacks to his room at the Palace for exchange. The firm sent a boy with the money, accompanied by officers, suspicious looks to his room. Harrington waited outside and the boy went in. While counting the money, the boy was attacked by Harrington with a hatchet. The officers rushed in and arrested him. Harrington had previously unsuccessfully attempted to hire Michael Reese to his room, on the pretext of negotiating a loan. From entries in his note book, it seems to have been a gang connections in some portion of the West and was impelled to the act by a desire to obtain means to return home.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

Receiver of Louisville and Cincinnati Short Line.

LOUISVILLE, December 3.—George Macleod, an engineer of experience, and a well-known railroad man, was to-day appointed Receiver of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Lexington Short Line Railroad, to succeed Samuel Gill, who is now suffering mental aberration produced by brain fever.

Retrenchment in Philadelphia Custom House.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3.—In obedience to orders issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, Collector Comly has discharged from the Custom House four day inspectors, four night inspectors, two weighers and four laborers, as well as reduced the salary of day inspectors from $4 to $3 50 per day, and that of night inspectors from $3 to $2 50. The salaries of the clerks are not touched. This is the third reduction made since Mr. Comly has been in office, each one of which has been in consequence of a decrease of business.

Moody and Sankey in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3.—The prayer meetings of Moody and Sankey continue to be well attended. To-day Intemperance was made the special subject of prayer, the requests embracing many from persons for near relatives, and also including ones that Rumors may not be sold in the Centennial grounds during the Exposition. To-morrow's meeting will be devoted to prayers for Sunday schools, and will be conducted by Dr. Newton, Messrs. Moody and Sankey taking the day for much needed rest.

TELEGRAPHIC PERSONALS.

Albert Garnier has challenged Cyrille Dion to play for a gold medal and the billiard championship.

Charles Hensinger committed suicide by shooting himself through the head, Thursday night, at Grand Island, Nebraska. Cause unknown.

Hon. Reuben W. Stroud, a member of the New York Board of Canal Commissioners, died at the Syracuse House, Syracuse, N. Y., at six o'clock Thursday morning, after a brief attack of typhoid fever.

Charles S. Abell, aged twenty-seven, son of A. S. Abell, proprietor of the Baltimore *Sun*, died yesterday morning of typhoid fever. He was a graduate of Georgetown College and a favorite contributor to the columns of the *Sun*.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Probabilities for To-Day.—Falling barometer, south and east winds, warmer, cloudy and foggy weather and occasional light rain or snow.

All the ferries on the Hudson river, north of Rhinebeck, have been discontinued, owing to the freezing of the ice.

Duc Decazes, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, says the reason the Government refused to purchase the Suez Canal shares when the property was lately offered for sale to the Ministry, was that MacMahon's Cabinet feared a war with Germany.

At the sale of the Shurtleff Library, in Boston, on Thursday, a copy of the "Bay Psalm Book," said to be the first book printed in New England, was offered, when an injunction to prevent its sale was served by the Deacons of the Old South Church, who claim that it is the property of that church, from which it mysteriously disappeared.

The Presidents of the Yale and Harvard Athletic Associations have sent out a circular inviting the athletic associations of the colleges represented in the Rowing Association to appoint delegates to attend a convention to be held at Springfield, Mass., on Saturday next, for the purpose of organizing a permanent Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Rising Sun Flour

Is made by the New French Process.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

The Democratic Caucus To-Day.

Vote for Speaker to be very Close--Three of Kerr's Men Miss the Train.

Fraudulent Practices of Pension Agents---The Whole Matter to be Investigated.

President's Message Submitted to the Cabinet--Its Tone on Spanish Affairs.

Babcock's Case Considered by the Cabinet—Court of Inquiry to be Ordered.

No Appropriation for Pittsburgh Public Buildings.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 3, 1875.

Fraudulent Pension Claims.

The discovery of the fraudulent practices of the claim agencies of McDevitt & Co., Schriver Frances, Register, and Matthews, Poulson & Co., of Philadelphia, as stated in these dispatches yesterday, will lead to an investigation of all the Pennsylvania pensions, not only presented by these parties, but by others who are under suspicion. It appears also that these firms have prosecuted claims for parties in Ohio and Illinois. It is believed that the majority of them are fraudulent. The special agents of the Interior Department have been at work for several months and have a mass of evidence which now leads to the opinion among the higher officials in the Interior Department that at least one-fourth of the money appropriated for pensions, which is annually goes to lawyers who grease the lion's share, or is upon fraudulent papers. There will be a thorough examination. The same parties have been prosecuting claims before other departments, and an investigation will also be made in this direction.

Pittsburgh Public Buildings.

The Supervising Architect of the Treasury says it is not likely that an appropriation will be asked for the public buildings at Pittsburgh this year.

The President's Message.

At the Cabinet meeting to-day, the President read his message, which is nearly completed. That part relating to Cuba is a little more pronounced than it was last year. The President devotes some space to the condition of the navy and explains the reasons which have actuated the Government in improving its efficiency.

The Speakership Tournament.

The excitement over the race for the Speakership is unabated and the situation has not materially changed. The friends of both sides are confident. There is considerable canvassing of States and members to-night. The struggle to-morrow will be close and the turn of a vote may decide the result. Messrs. Singleton, Maney and Hooker, of Mississippi, who have heretofore been constantly claimed as supporters of Mr. Randall, have declared for Mr. Kerr from Paris, Tennessee, to-day, that they had missed the railroad connection, and asked a postponement of the caucus until Monday, when they would be present and vote for the nomination as Speaker. This explanation reduces the estimate of Randall's strength by three votes and deprives Mr. Kerr of that accession of strength.

Southern Democrats Against Thompson for Sergeant-at-Arms.

At an informal gathering of Southern Democrate members, it was proposed to nominate Colonel Corse, of the Sixth Iowa Regiment, to be Sergeant-at-Arms of the House. It was suggested that Lamar or Ben Hill, both Confederates, should nominate him. This would materially disarrange the plans of Thompson, of Ohio, who has been quietly permitted to have the inside track for that position.

The Babcock Court of Inquiry.

It was determined at the Cabinet session to-day to grant a court of inquiry in the case of General Babcock, with General Sheridan as President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 3, 1875.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—REPORT OF SECRETARY BRISTOW.

The President's message was approved by the Cabinet yesterday, to whom it was carefully read. To-day manifold copies are being made for the press. Its exact length has not been ascertained, though it will be somewhat shorter than the President's previous messages. It cannot yet be ascertained whether it will be sent to Congress on Monday or Tuesday. This will depend on the time consumed by the printing, and the making up of the correction of the notification by the President of the fact.

The report of the Secretary of the Treasury on finances is in press. It will be about the same length as some previous reports. The estimates will not, it is said, exceed those of last year. They have not yet been printed, but copies will be laid on the desks of members of Congress Monday. Judge Richardson called on Secretary Bristow to-day, and had an interview of some length. The Executive session of the Senate.

DECREASE OF CURRENCY IN NOVEMBER.

The weekly statement of the condition of national banks for circulation surrendered was $5,672,450. In the same period there was issued to new banks $3,959,950. The law requires eighty per cent. of the amount of national bank notes issued each month to be retired in greenbacks, which would make the actual increase to the national bank circulation for the month $591,500. For bonds withdrawn $5,105,200. National bank notes were surrendered, which make the total decrease of currency for the month $4,513,215.

CABINET SESSION—BABCOCK'S CASE.

The Cabinet were in session four hours to-day, principally occupied with the consideration of the President's message, which is now complete, with the exception of a few closing paragraphs. They also considered the request of General Babcock for court of inquiry to examine the charge that he was connected with the whisky frauds. Those who know him declare that he will press to make it public. There is reason to believe that the request will be granted and a detail of officers appointed by the Secretary of War.

GEORGIA.

Governor Smith Urges Sending of Delegates to the Meeting of American Board of Transportation and Commerce.

ATLANTA, December 3.—GOV. Smith has just addressed a letter to the people of Georgia, urging them to send delegates to the convention which will meet in Chicago on the 15th. He says: "To restore our prosperity we must look to our great national highways of trade, to rivers and water lines first, while other means of transportation should not be neglected. The Government of the United States is to our competent power to improve and control these, and they should be maintained as free public highways for the use of everybody. We must look to the United States Government for these improvements. Opening these lines will go far toward settling the question of transportation on a railroad vs. competition which will benefit the railroad interest, with other interests."

He deprecates the fight which is going on between the great industries of the country. These ought to act in naturally antagonistic. He says: "We of the south States have no warfare to make upon any other industry. We are willing to labor for the advancement or all. Georgia has no war to make on the manufacturer nor the miner of other States, but on the contrary, her true interest will be found in urging the advance of all these, and to this end she should labor." He urges all the different interests of the country to send representatives to Chicago to consult upon these questions, and in all the same sound good sense which characterizes the ordinary business transactions of our people he brought to bear upon these questions it will do more toward a solution than all the fine-spun theories of the present generation. The letter speaks the sentiments of a large majority of the people of this State.

POLITICAL.

Louisiana.

GOVERNOR KELLOGG ENTERS AN ARGUMENT TO CONGRESS AGAINST THE M'ENERY MEMBERS.

NEW ORLEANS, December 3.—Governor Kellogg has transmitted to Congress an elaborate letter in support of the claims of Pinchback to the seat, on McEnery certificates, the Democratic members-elect from Louisiana. The leading points are summaried as follows:

In conclusion, it is submitted that Mr. McEnery and his colleagues, if elected in all courts for further questioning the title of Gov. Kellogg as Governor of Louisiana, first, because McEnery agreed to submit his claims to the Congressional Committee, and a majority of the committee expressed their opinion that Gov. Kellogg was elected in 1872; second, because his own partisans in the present Legislature, including a majority of the Lower House, which Legislature is accepted on all sides as the undisputed Legislature of the State, have almost unanimously passed a joint resolution recognizing Gov. Kellogg as the Governor of the State; third, because Mr. McEnery has always professed to desire some settlement of the nevertobe pending controversy which would bring peace and quiet to the State, and it cannot be denied that these results have followed from the adoption of the adjustment; and, lastly, because Mr. McEnery and his friends, as zealous and consistent upholders of the doctrine of State Rights, will surely not ask the Congress of the United States to override and by its action to annul the solemn act of the recognized and unquestioned Legislature of a sovereign State in a matter pertaining exclusively to its own domestic relations.

The brief is accompanied by the protocol of the agreement and adjustment, extracts from the testimony taken by the Hoar Committee with reference to the election of 1872, and tabular statements of the census, registration, etc., from 1870 down to date of election, in 1874; also affidavit of the Warmoth election officers and members of the fusion Returning Board.

Tennessee.

CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION IN FOURTH DISTRICT.

NASHVILLE, December 3.—A special to the *American* says the Democratic Convention in the Fourth district, to-day, nominated H. Y. Riddle, of Wilson county, for Congress, to succeed J. M. Head, deceased. The nomination is about equivalent to an election. There were eight candidates and the excitement ran high.

Coal and Iron Trade.

Philadelphia and Reading Company Stop Work at Thirty Collieries and all their Iron Mines.

Individual Operators to Follow Suit-Prospect of a General Suspension in the Schuylkill Region.

Thousands of Workmen Thrown Out of Employment.

POTTSVILLE, December 3.—In consequence of the overstocked condition of the Eastern markets and the close of navigation, the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company will to-morrow direct the stoppage of thirty of their forty collieries in this region; the remaining ten, having a producing capacity of 4,000 tons daily, to continue to supply furnaces and railways in this vicinity. About five thousand men and boys are thus thrown out of work. Twenty-five individual collieries will also suspend during the week, and it is thought that by December 15 the suspension will be general, and that over ten thousand people will be out of employment in the Schuylkill region. The suspension may not last over two months, though fears are entertained that work will not be resumed until spring.

The iron trade continuing dull, orders have been issued by the Reading Coal and Iron Company to stop work at their various ore mines, where six hundred men are now employed. It is claimed that enough ore has been mined and stacked ready for shipping, to supply all demands until spring.

FOREIGN NEWS.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

England.

THE SIEGE OF PERAK.

LONDON, December 3.—A servant captured by the Malayans at the time of the murder of Mr. Burch, the British Resident, who escaped and returned to the British headquarters, reports that Mahamahalen, who is constructing strong stockades, declares that the Malayans will resist the English to the uttermost. Sir William Jarvis, the newly appointed Governor of the Straits settlements, is at Penang. Preparations for attacking the Malayans are making rapid progress.

THE TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS AT BERLIN.

LONDON, December 3.—A special from Berlin contains the following details in regard to the negotiations concerning the Turkish insurrection question: Count Andrassy, the Austrian Prime Minister, has submitted to St. Petersburg the proposal he was entrusted to draft. In the memorandum the reforms Turkey should pledge to the insurgents and the guarantees the great Powers should demand for them in brief. Prince Bismarck and Prince Gortschakoff have discussed the leading points of the document and expressed their approval therein. As soon as the three Imperial Governments have definitely accepted it, representatives of the powers of Europe will be invited to participate.

THE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

Colonel Owen has resigned as Centennial Commissioner. Colonel Hyde Sanford and Professor Archer, Director of the Edinburgh Museum, have been appointed Joint Commissioners.

COLD WEATHER—HUNTER FROZEN TO DEATH.

LONDON, December 3.—The weather in England has been intensely cold.

Wesley Richards, a well-known gunmaker of this city, is reported to have been frozen to death while on a shooting excursion.

LORD DERBY ON EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.

LONDON, December 3.—Opposition is waited on the Earl of Derby yesterday evening and urged the intervention of the Government to prevent Egypt from annexing Abyssinia. Lord Derby said, in reply, that he thought there was no reason for alarm, that Egypt contemplated annexation, which would be most unwise from financial reasons. All interference or violation of Gazzibar by the Egyptians was probably the result of a mistake.

NEXT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, December 3.—Disraeli, talking into account the inconvenience of a winter session, will not call Parliament together earlier than usual.

ABYSSINIA WANTS HELP FROM AMERICA.

LONDON, December 4, 6 A. M.—A Vienna telegram mentions rumors that the Princes of Abyssinia, through the American mission, have applied for assistance to the United States against Mahomedan invaders.

France.

SUBSCRIPTION TO MONUMENT TO BRAVE WORKMEN TO THE CENTENNIAL.

PARIS, December 3.—The Municipality of Paris has contributed $4,000 toward the subscription list to erect a monument to French workmen to the Philadelphia Exhibition.

TIME FOR DISSOLUTION OF ASSEMBLY, GENERAL ELECTIONS—BATTLE BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

PARIS, December 3.—The committee appointed to consider the proposals of the Right and Left Centers as to the time of elections and the meeting of the new Chambers, have agreed to report that the dissolution of the present Assembly in December, the exact day to be hereafter determined by the Ministry, and to recommend that the general elections be held on February 20, and the new Chambers convoked March 7.

Germany.

SITTING OF THE REICHSTAG—POLITICAL OFFENSES UNDER DISCUSSION.

BERLIN, December 3.—In the Reichstag to-day the bill amending the penalties was under consideration. Herr Lasker opposed the political clauses aimed at offenses similar to those of Count Arnim, and pointed out the practical result that the matter would not permit of any delay. If stricter rules were not passed he could not take the responsibility of instructing the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The House decided to discuss the bill article by article at a full sitting on the second and third reading of the bill. The other clauses were referred to a committee.

Spain.

THE MINISTRY OF WAR.

MADRID, December 3.—Canovas del Castillo will assume the Ministry of War while General Jovellar is in the North as chief of the King's staff.

LOUISVILLE.

Bank Cashier Mulcted for Allowing His Vaults to be Robbed.

LOUISVILLE, December 3.—Chancellor Bruce yesterday delivered an opinion in the case of the Louisville Literary and Benevolent Institute *et al.*, vs. Harry L. Pope *et al.*, giving judgment against Pope for $72,170, and against his sureties for $30,000. This action grew out of the robbery of the old Louisville Mechanics' Bank, of which Pope was cashier, which occurred in 1870. Plaintiffs had a large sum of money deposited in the bank and sued Pope and his sureties for the amount. The petition was once dismissed, but the Court of Appeals reversed the decision and the Chancellor Bruce has also reversed his first decision, on the grounds that the robbery occurred through the negligence of the cashier.

COLUMBUS.

State Treasurer Appointed—Dental Association.

COLUMBUS, December 3.—At the session of the State Dental Society, to-day, the name of Doctor Van Bonhorst, of Lancaster, Ohio, was dropped from the roll of members for unprofessional conduct, his offense being the publication of a notice offering to pay the expense of patients to and from their respective homes in Lancaster, in case the amount of work they had done was sufficient to warrant this outlay.

Le Roy Welch, of Hamilton county, has accepted the position of State Treasurer, and will assume the duties of the position next Tuesday.

FIRE RECORD.

Lewistown, Me.—$100,000.

LEWISTOWN, Me., December 3.—The dye house of the Bates mill burned last night. Loss estimated at $100,000.

Cincinnati—$50,000.

CINCINNATI, December 3.—At an early hour this morning a building in the rear of the Methodist Book Concern, owned by A. M. Fletcher, caught fire in the fourth story, occupied by a steam laundry, and was soon completely gutted. Fletcher loses on the building $25,000, insured for $15,000 in the Hartford of New York, $2,500; National, of Cincinnati, $2,500; Cincinnati, of Cincinnati, $2,500; Mimma Valley, of Cincinnati, $2,500; Kenton, of Covington, $2,500. Ryan & Co., liquors, carry $40,000; estimate their loss at $18,000; insured for $15,000, but in what companies it is not known. Messrs. Black & Co. lose $5,000 by water; fully insured. Frank Thomas & Co. lose $3,000; insured in local companies. Geo. W. Brown is unable to estimate his loss; he holds policies for $1,000 in the Etna and $2,000 in the Amazon, which will probably be stopped. The Laundry Company lose $2,000, with little or no insurance.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 3, 1875.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN EAST NEW YORK.

An explosion occurred in Charles Nelson's pyrotechnic factory, East New York, this morning, which killed one man, slightly injured several and demolished one side of the building.

FAILURE—FOREIGN FORGER ARRESTED.

The suspension of the varnish house of Adolphus G. Mandel, 257 Pearl street, is announced.

Charles Schultz, timber merchant and mill owner at Critiz, Mecklenberg-Schwerin, was arrested to-day on board the steamer Idaho, as that vessel arrived in the lower bay. Schultz is charged with having raised money from the Mecklenberg Savings Bank, Theodore Nautzmann and others, by means of forged assignments of mortgages, the sum obtained being stated at about 17 000 marks.

MUTUAL BENEFIT SAVINGS BANK.

The officers of the Mutual Benefit Savings Bank have decided to go into liquidation. The depositors will receive ninety-five cents on the dollar.

DEATH OF CHRIS O'CONNOR.

The well-known billiard player, Chris O'Connor, died suddenly this afternoon.

The steamer Victoria, from Glasgow, has arrived at New York.

Rising Sun Flour

Is made from the most expensive wheat.

OLD TEA HOUSE

TEAS,
A SPECIALTY.

PRICES TO-DAY!

10 pounds A Sugar	$1 00
10½ pounds Ex. C Sugar	1 00
11½ pounds Yellow Sugar	1 00
14 pounds Irish Soap	1 00
11 pounds New Prunes	1 00
13 pounds New Rice	1 00
17 pounds Gloss Starch	1 00
8 cans Corn	1 00
7 cans Tomatoes	1 00
4 pounds Rio Coffee	1 00
2 pounds Uncolored Tea	1 00

☞ New Crop Raisins and Currants received.

SEND FOR THE NEW CATALOGUE.

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PITTSBURGH, PA.

An Extensive Purchase of Fine Sheep.

Perhaps the largest and best purchase of fine wooled sheep ever made in this State has been made in Washington county, within the past two weeks. The purchases were made by Messrs. J. H. and M. M. Little, proprietors of the Fulton House, two well know and experienced dealers in stock, for Messrs. B. A. Shidler and Bryce Little, of Freo City, Freo county, Western Texas, near the Rio Grande. These sheep have been selected with the greatest care, regardless of expense by the Messrs. Little, accompanied by the above named gentlemen, who are themselves among the very best judges of fine stock that have ever visited our county. They consist of ewes only, selected for breeding purposes exclusively, and were all taken from the very finest and best flocks in this part of the country, as for example: the flocks of James G. Strean, Esq., Robert Russell, Col. Gist, Wm. Davis, Robert Lutton, Dunning Hart, Robert Doak, William Maxwell, James Hanna, John McClay, David Wyllie, W. J. Munce, Huston Paul, James Hamilton, Jr., Enoch Prigg, Samuel Hazlett, Daniel Lane, Charles Banfield, C. McCollum and others equally well known for their superior stock. Mr. Strean's wool, it is well known, has taken the medal at the World's Fair, as well as the first premiums at the State and county fairs for years past, and best wool grown, and always commands the higest market prices. While it is equally well known that

The Commercial.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1875.

DURING the expired ten months of the present year, the value of domestic exports from Philadelphia is $25,684,323, against $22,736,614 from Baltimore.

THE Democratic members of the House will meet in caucus to-day to decide upon nominations for Speaker, Clerk, etc. Appearances indicate that there will be a protracted and acrimonious contest.

ANOTHER feather has been placed in the cap of our domestic industries by a late important shipment of American ribbons to England, which indicates a rapid growth of silk manufacture in this country.

A NEW YORK Grand Jury the other day made a presentment against pool selling, as an offense against decency and morality, but the gamblers at Washington are selling pools of the Democratic candidates for the principal House offices without interruption.

THE Washington correspondent of the New York *Times* complains that nothing is thought of among the Democratic members of the House but office. No one seems to have given any thought to legislation; but when was it otherwise with that party?

SINCE the census of 1870 was taken, there have been 32,500 new buildings put up in Philadelphia, enough in itself to make a great city. The larger part of these new buildings consisted of dwelling houses—say 25,000. This rapid and speedy increase indicate a population of over a million in that city in 1880.

THE New York *Herald* gives long lists of quotations, nearly all from Democratic sources, to the effect that GRANT will surely be nominated as a Republican candidate for President in 1876. The wish, with them, is father to the thought. The *Gazette*, of this city, is the sole Republican exception in this long array of Democratic authorities, but looks quite natural in the new company it has got into.

A LEADING Western Democratic paper urges the Democratic House of Representatives to devote its whole time, during the ensuing session, to "investigating public corruption and its ventilation for the last fifteen years." This is not very grammatically put—still it is about as sensible, as a proposition, as, by way of example, was the practice of the old woman who regularly passed her days in trying to sweep the cobwebs from the sky.

THE Executive Committee of the National "Independent" party was in session in this city yesterday. Several members were absent, and after an informal consultation, it was deemed advisable to adjourn over until to day, so as to give the delinquents an opportunity to arrive.—*Chicago Inter-Ocean.*

The "Independent" Committee here alluded to is certainly more conspicuous for its failures than for its success. Its members seem to take as little interest in it as the public does.

SAMMY COX, the Tom Thumb Democratic statesman, says he is bound to have the chairmanship of an important committee, even if he does fail of the Speakership. If SAMMY had a proper estimate of his abilities he would emulate the example of MORRISSEY, who, on being sworn in as a member of the House, begged of COLFAX to put him "at the tail end of the most unimportant of those little committees which never meet." SAMMY, however, is troubled with a superfluity of admiring self-consciousness.

THE Supreme Court of Massachusetts, in a test case, has just decided the license law of that State to be constitutional. This law has now been in operation about six months, and the Boston Commissioners, after carefully observing its workings during this period, report that a license law "fairly liberal in its conditions, and at the same time very stringent in the penalties for its violation," will be sustained, and can be enforced, and "that under it all good results can be secured which it is possible to attain for the cause of temperance from any legal enactments."

ACCORDING to the Washington *Star*, the Free Trade League is making a lavish use of money at Washington. The Republicans having had such a continued succession in the control of the Lower House for years, the strength of the League had fallen almost entirely away. Its membership had been reduced, and its bleeding operations on the business community under the name of free trade had died out. But with the return of a Democratic majority to the Lower House, it has again risen from its slumbers, as intent on the paralization and destruction of our home industries as ever.

THE Catholic papers are quoting with great delight the declaration of HENRY WARD BEECHER that he has known instances, in the management of the public schools, "where School Commissioners have hired female teachers, and have made their employment depend upon their willingness to surrender their bodies to gratify the lust of their employers; and in some cases the teachers themselves were foul-mouthed and foul-handed." They cite this foul and unsupported testimony as evidence that the common schools are godless, forgetting or overlooking the fact that it is still an unsettled question in his own church whether HENRY WARD BEECHER is an adulterer and perjurer, and concealing also the fact that Mr. BEECHER has since confessed that he spoke too fast and with considerable exaggeration in the quotation above given. We do not believe his allegations, and as they stand upon his unsupported testimony they have very little indeed to sustain them.

BISHOP MCQUAID, of Rochester, New York, communicates to the Buffalo *Courier*, a Democratic paper, the following sketch of the Roman Catholic plan for the New York schools:

"Our object is to gather in the children in large cities, whose parents are, many of them, too ignorant or lack time to give them proper instructions. The State can not reach all these children, but we can [compulsory education is the law in New York], and we do not ask the State to pay for the religious influences we throw around these children, but simply for the secular teaching they receive. We erect the buildings, provide the teachers, who shall, however, be subject to the examinations required by the State, and when for a nominal rental we allow the State full control of these schools during the ordinary school hours, in which time only secular instruction will be given. Before and after such hours we propose to give the pupils such religious teaching as we deem essential in the education of youth."

This is not our version of the Catholic plan, but the Bishop's own statement of it in a Democratic organ. There can be no complaint, consequently, that we do not set it forth fairly.

The Bishop, it will be seen, does not ask the State to pay for sectarian teaching, directly, but only to pay the expenses of the schools in which Catholicism is taught. There is a distinction drawn, here, but it is a distinction without a difference. The State might as well pay for Catholic schools, directly, as to pay for them substantially in this indirect way.

The amendment of Speaker BLAINE can not, apparently, be hurried along too soon.

BABCOCK wants to be tried by an army Court Martial, composed of his old army associates, but ex-Senator HENDERSON, who is conducting the prosecutions against the whisky ring in St. Louis, prefers to try him in the courts of the United States. HENDERSON is right. BABCOCK is not now serving in the army, being on leave for civil service, and complicity with the whisky ring is a civil not a military offense. The form of trial that is good enough for AVERY, JOYCE and MCDONALD is good enough also for the President's Private Secretary. In this connection the Washington *correspondent* of the Cincinnati *Gazette* says:

"The dispatches of Babcock to Joyce refer to three distinct moves against the St. Louis whisky ring; one when an investigation by a special agent was contemplated, one when orders transferring McDonald and Joyce to Philadelphia were issued, and one when suspicions of the ring were first excited in regard to the late effective raid. The "Sylph" dispatches are understood to be Babcock's, and the one signed "Grit" from Joyce. The latter, it will be remembered, refused to disclose the real name of his correspondent, "Sylph." The dispatch signed "Grit" was sent by Joyce to Babcock during the meeting in St. Louis received intimations which caused it to believe that a hostile movement of some kind was on foot. The language of the telegram asking Babcock to crush out the St. Louis enemies, or, in other words, to prevent the pending raid on the whisky thieves, is regarded here as a strong proof that Babcock's relations with the ring were of a most intimate character, or else Joyce would never have dared to telegraph to the President's Private Secretary, asking him to interfere in favor of a ring that was defrauding the Government."

THE activity in naval circles in fitting out our national vessels of war, and the shipment of army recruits to Pensacola to strengthen our forces at points on the Gulf of Mexico, have led many observers to conclude that the Government is preparing for a conflict with either Mexico or Spain. The latest advices seem to remove all apprehension of an outbreak with Spain, and, as the preparations continue, the indications would seem to point to Mexico as the most probable object of all this warlike din.

There is a long outstanding claim of ours against Mexico, for the settlement of which a commission was some years ago appointed. How much the total of these claims amounts to is not now known, but enough has been developed to make it sure that the sum is greater than Mexico is able to pay in money. It was therefore proposed, as far back as 1866, that Mexico should cede us territory instead, and it is alleged that an arrangement was entered into, in that year, between President JUAREZ and the United States, by which Mexico, in return for the assistance afforded by the United States in driving the French out of Mexico, and in settlement of all claims against it, agreed to cede to the United States the frontier lands of Sinaloa, Chihuahua, Sonora, Durango, Coahuila and Lower California. A treaty agreeing to this cession was discussed and finally signed at El Paso; but the death of JUAREZ soon after put an end to it. The allegation now is that a similar treaty has secretly been negotiated with President LERDO, and that, after Congress meets, Mexico will be compelled to comply with it. Hence the naval and warlike preparations now going on.

In this connection we may give, from the San Francisco *Call* of the 26th ult., the following report of an interview with Senator JONES, which is of special importance in view of the close relations which are supposed to exist between the Nevada Senator and the President:

"In answer to questions addressed to him, Senator J. P. Jones replied that he had no information on the subject not already in possession of the public. His own opinion was that a scheme of some kind pointing to an acquisition of Mexican territory was on foot and *that a strong effort was being made to extend our border lines further south.* No movement of this proportion, he suggested, could be started unless it were urged by individuals having great interests at stake. *He knew that the scheme was contemplated several months ago;* that is, he had heard it talked about. He had never had any conversation on the subject with General Grant, and, therefore, could not speak by the card. *Nevertheless he believed that the President was anxious to annex a strip from the northern portion of Mexico.* Senator Jones did not believe that the Mexican people would submit to the loss of an inch of their territory; but if they were willing to surrender their soil on any honorable conditions he certainly would not vote "nay" on the proposition if it should be introduced in the Senate. The annexation proposed would be of incalculable benefit to the Pacific coast."

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

Diphtheria carried off one hundred and eight New Yorkers last week.

Now, with the lit fires of the law, smoke out that "crooked tobacco" ring.

"The law's delay." A case in Bavaria which began in the fifteenth century has only just been concluded.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer* makes a dive into obscurity for a Democratic Speaker, and fishes up Milton Saylor.

The *Graphic* publishers have retained General Butler to conduct their six suits against the New York *Times*.

A lady recently landed at New York from Europe who, from her waist down, was a solid mass of hair. It was smuggled.

New discoveries of both silver and copper are frequently being made in hitherto unexplored sections of the Lake Superior country.

Not so far out of the way. A Western editor speaks of the cerebro-spinal meningitis as "the serious old final come and get us."

Pickled missionary? The African Gold Coast is to be represented at the Centennial by contributions from the native kings.

The few against the many. "The more intelligent Southern Congressmen are trying to get the idea through the blockheads."

The demands for space in the Centennial Art Gallery have been so great that it has been found necessary to erect another building.

The Chicago *Journal* has donned a new winter dress. Its outward appearance is typical of its inward character. Both are excellent.

A hot lemonade brigade, sworn to drink nothing stronger than cider or hot lemonade, is the latest Michigan temperance organization.

There is to be a saving of six per cent. in the cost of running the departments in Washington, by the reduction of salaries to that amount.

Reverdy Johnson has gone to England as the agent of the State of Florida, to sell three millions of acres of land belonging to that Commonwealth.

Down in Democratic Tennessee the dogs cost their owners more than four millions a year, and yet the State cannot keep up decent public schools.

A rare occurrence. The canals, lakes and the Hudson and Mississippi rivers were this year reported ice-locked on the same day of the month.

The Emperor of Brazil has ordered the erection of a spacious and elegant building on the Centennial grounds as headquarters for the representatives from that country.

All is not peace among the "harmonious" Democracy. The Kerrites and Randallites are addressing each other after the manner of the drivers of garbage wagons.

It appears that the British Copyright Commissioners have not permitted even one author of reputation to take part in deliberations so closely concerning themselves.

Score one for Sam Bard. He expresses his firm belief that Judas was a Bourbon Democrat; and that if now living he would be the editor of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*.

The mystery of Swift's relations with "Stella" and "Vanessa" are to be cleared up by Mr. Foster in his new biography of the Dean, whose first volume is just issued in London.

The Philadelphia Naval Yard, which was sold at auction on Thursday, has played an important part in the national history, thirty-four vessels having been built and launched from it.

What is that Scriptural millennial prophecy? Miss De Wolf, of Rhode Island, who is believed to be the wealthiest young lady in America, is shortly to marry Bishop Hare.

The Cincinnati library has circulated 215,220 volumes in the past year, and 51,189 volumes have been consulted in the reading-room. The average Sunday attendance is 600, and increasing.

At the late transit of Venus that planet appeared one minute and thirty seconds behind time in a cycle of one hundred and five years. Most Venuses are in the habit of keeping people waiting.

The Southern Inter-State Levee Convention Committee, appointed to prepare a memorial to Congress, are now in secret session at New Orleans. Louisiana and Mississippi only are represented.

Rather paradoxical. Over the porch of the old South church at Boston is chiseled: "Behold! I have set before you an open door," and under, on the door, is painted in emphatic letters, "Positively no admittance."

A young gentlewoman from Cornell University was one of the contestants for the Greek championship at the recent intercollegiate competitive examination at the New York University. Women can generally manage other tongues better than their own.

The entire whaling fleet of the United States does not exceed two hundred vessels, against a fleet of a thousand vessels forty years ago, and it is thought, from the increased whale catch this season, that this heavy falling off in the number of vessels has allowed the whales to breed again.

PERSONAL.

"The Old Guard" is passing away. Of the seven anti-slavery Senators who led in the ranks of freedom before the war—Sumner, Seward, Chase, Fessenden, Hale, Wilson and Wade—only the latter is now alive.

The Rev. Dr. Eccleston, of Philadelphia, declines the Iowa Bishopric, although a majority of the Standing Committees have ratified his election. The choice of the Convention was the occasion of much bitterness of feeling on the part of the minority.

Chief Justice Brown, of Maryland, who walked into the grand saloon of the new Baltimore city hall the other day, arm in arm with Fred Douglass, is the same man who, as Mayor, walked at the head of the 6th Massachusetts Regiment, through the Baltimore streets in April, 1861.

The reports to the effect that Mrs. Sartoris intends visiting her parents at the White House soon are said to be unfounded. She has no intention of returning during the cold months. She and her son are enjoying the best of health. Mrs. Sartoris writes glowingly of her happiness in her English home.

Mr. William R. Castle, an assistant in the office of the New York Corporation Counsel, has been appointed by King Kalakaua to the positionof Attorney General of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Mr. Castle was one of the earliest playmates of the sovereign, and his father is a prominent merchant of Honolulu.

"Unto him that hath it shall be given." A Brooklyn man, the father of seventeen children, found a basket at his basement door the other morning containing a little gold-headed cherub about two weeks old. A tag appended to the handle of the basket bore this legend: "You appear to be fond of children. I ain't. Please accept this one."

STATE NEWS.

The Middlesex, Mercer county, *Independent* has succumbed to the hard times.

Rev. Jacob Roop died at Highspire, Dauphin county, on the 1st inst., aged ninety-five years.

Chester county turns up another murder, its twelfth within four years. It is a case of infanticide at West Chester, this time.

There were issued in Philadelphia, during November, 461 building permits, against 382 during the same month in 1874.

Several persons have been arrested for robbing a widow of Luzerne county of five or six hundred dollars when she was at church.

Joseph Schneck, husband of the woman murderer at Schneckville, Lehigh county, recently, has been arrested on suspicion of being the murderer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at their residence in East Springfield, Crawford county, November 24.

John Scott, Esq., who founded the Brookville *Republican* fifteen years ago, has sold his interest in that paper to Colonel J. R. Weaver. The paper will hereafter be conducted by Weaver Bros., with F. A. Weaver as editor.

Rev. D. B. Ernst, for many years pastor of the Reformed church in Saegertown, Crawford county, has received and accepted a call to Bath, Northumberland county, and entered upon his duties.

The effort to establish an asylum for the insane for the counties of Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery and Northampton is being pushed more vigorously as the session of the Legislature approaches.

Richard Leach, of Perryopolis, is eighty-three years of age. He walked from Bellevernon to his home the other day, a distance of seven miles, in considerably less than three hours, and says he can rive and shave two hundred and fifty shingles in a day.

Willis L. Palmer was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of Henry Richard, Jr., a lad of fifteen years. He leaves a wife and one child. The fatality occurred in the house of the boy's father, one mile north of Little's Corners, in Hayfield township, Crawford county.

In Somerset, on Saturday last, died Mrs. Elizabeth Kiernan, who was born near Gettysburg, Adams, county, Pa., February 27, 1791. She was aged eighty-four years and nine months. Removed to Somerset, Pa., in 1826, and consequently resided in that place over half a century.

The Brazilian Minister is in Philadelphia at present looking for ground upon which to have erected the Brazilian build ing. The Emperor and people of that nation are taking a lively interest in the approaching exhibition, while the Emperor himself has signified his acceptance to the invitation of the United States Government to visit this country.

Harry Leach, of Middletown, was instantly killed on the 22d ult., at Yardleyville, Bucks county, while working on the railroad bridge being erected at that place. He was engaged in adjusting a heavy iron which was being raised immediately over his head, when the chain holding the iron broke, and in its descent struck him on the head and threw him backward some forty feet through the framework. He struck the rip-rapping of the pier and his head was horribly crushed. He was unmarried.

On the 22d of November Joseph E. Nickerson, of Vernon township, Crawford county, while grooming a horse on the farm of Bernard Van Horne, was kicked by the animal in the abdomen. The young man suffered intensely from the injury and died twenty-eight hours later. Deceased had expected to meet his parents on Thanksgiving to celebrate the anniversary of his twenty-first birthday, but on that day occurred the funeral services of their son.

Henry Dougherty, of Lebanon county, met with probably a fatal accident at Ellmsport, Lycoming county, on Saturday while hunting. He was resting his gun on a log, with his right hand resting on the muzzle, when the gun slipped and the trigger catching in his clothing, it was discharged, and a load of buckshot lodged in his left arm, shattering it badly above the elbow. Two balls also entered his right arm below the elbow, producing a serious wound.

The little boy named Critchfield, who so mysteriously disappeared from his home, at Confluence, three weeks ago, is still missing, although unremitting search has been kept up by a number of neighbors of the heart-broken mother. A liberal reward is offered by the citizens for information that will lead to his recovery. The little fellow is three and a half years old, dark brown eyes, a scar across his nose from a recent hurt, front upper teeth much decayed, plump of stature, and round-shouldered. Circumstances strongly indicate that he was carried off by a party of tramps who had been quartered in that vicinity at the time.

"Soft-soaping" was first most effectually applied in this country by the Swedish women who defended the old (log) swedes' church below Philadelphia, before that city was laid out. A friendly squaw gave notice of the intended Indian attack. The Scandinavian ladies were boiling soap, and they at once concluded to convert the contents of the kettle into ammunition of defense. They lifted it into the church, with fire wood to keep it hot. As the warriors began to undermine the foundations, they receive on their barred backs a sprited fire of the terrible material, which in due time sent them howling into the wilderness. The incident was related by a participant who died in London at an advanced age. She was a granddaughter of the Swedish burgher, Sven Schule.

It was recently stated in these columns that "the day the double-headed eagle replaces the crescent on the Bosphorus will also see the British standard occupying at Alexandria a position similiar to that which it occupies at Gibraltar." In the purchase by the British Government of 177,000 shares of the Suez Canal we see the first step toward the not improbable protectorate of England and Egypt. No better proof could be afforded of the rapidity with which the Eastern question approaches maturity than this very bold step of the British Cabinet. The London *Times* admits that by taking such a step Great Britain will be held by all the world to have entered upon a new phase of Eastern policy. The drift of recent "inspired" articles in the *Pall Mall Gazette* showed that some such stroke of policy was meditated, and the promptness with which England has seized the control of the Suez Canal may be accepted as a measure of the anxiety with which she regards the approaching transfer of the control of the Dardanelles. Constantinople has ceased to be, in any literal sense, the key to India, but the Oriental could not be held by a hostile power without involving the dismemberment of the British Empire. So the great work of M. Lesseps, which Lord Palmerston pooh-poohed, and to whose execution England was the chief obstructive, has, from the very necessities of the case, passed under British control. What effect that move may have in forcing Russia to show her hand remains to be seen.—*New York Times.*

The Evil Fruits of Weak Digestion.

There is no pathological fact more clearly ascertained than that the most formidable phases of nervous disease are directly traceable to imperfect digestion. Insomnia, with its train of direful consequences, proceeds more frequently from weakness of the stomach than from any other cause. Mere sedatives are powerless to cure nervousness, and soon cease to palliate its symptoms. The one way to strengthen the nervous system is to invigorate the digestive and assimilative organs upon whose unobstructed action its equilibrium is absolutely dependent. The daily use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will do more to brace and soothe the weakened and irritated nerves, and induce sound, refreshing sleep—nature's great catholicon—than all the so-called services to be found in the pharmacopœia or ont of it. A wine glassful of the Bitters should be taken before each meal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

TO ADVERTISERS.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

FRIDAY EVENING, December 3, 1875.

The situation in banking circles is unchanged, and the only report possible to be made is the stereotyped one of ease in the loan market, with perhaps a still further decrease in activity, caused by the absence of any considerable offerings of first-class paper for discount. Exchange continues scarce and rules at a premium of 20@30 per cent., the former rate ruling in transactions between the banks and to regular customers, and the latter to outsiders. The rates for money are nominally unchanged at 8@9 per cent. for first-class sixty to ninety days' commercial paper, but borrowers of the right standing could, we think, get good paper discounted somewhat below these rates. Some few small loans were made on collateral security as low as 6 per cent., but the volume of this business was unimportant. Our New York advices indicate a slight decline in gold, while rates for money are firm at 5½@6 per cent. both for call loans and prime mercantile paper. Foreign exchanges was steady at 483@483½ for sixty days' sterling bills and 486½@487 for sight. The Philadelphia money market continues quiet, and the *Ledger* reports money abundant, but says that "apparently a check has been put to the accumulation by the quickening of the demand usual at the close of the year." The New York *Bulletin* comments on the foreign financial situation, under date of December 2, as follows:

The Bank of England directors, at their regular weekly meeting this morning, made no change in the minimum discount rates—3 per cent. The outside rate is 2¾@2¾ per cent. The bank gained £116,000 bullion during the week. Its reserve is now 39¾ per cent. of liabilities; last week it was 43¾, and 1871, the day the large sum of £622,000 bullion was withdrawn from the bank. Sterling exchange both at Paris and Berlin is in favor of the movement of gold from London to those places. The Bank of France gained 2,274,000 francs during the week. The large withdrawal of bullion to-day from the Bank of England is not clearly explainable, although the plausible theory is advanced that England is paying Egypt for the Suez Canal stock recently bought, Egypt receiving this money at Paris. Another theory is that the specie withdrawn from the Bank of England goes to Berlin, it being known that a considerable amount will go there before the close of the year.

—A city bank officer calls our attention to what he states is a custom among bankers, and asks our opinion as to the legality of the practice. He propounds the following query:

"If the holder of a protested promissory note extends the time for the maker, holding the protested note as collateral, does he thereby release the indorsers?"

If such is the practice, we would say that it is at least a doubtful one, and should be carefully guarded by proper written stipulation that, by so doing, the holder does not release his right of action against the indorsers. It is a well recognized rule of law that an extension of time by a valid agreement between the creditor and the principal, will, as a general rule, discharge the indorsers. To this rule, however, there are exceptions. The Supreme Court of this State has ruled, in the case of Hagey *vs.* Hill—reported in 25 P. F. Smith, 108—that if the agreement for delay expressly saves and reserves the rights of the holder in the intermediate time against the indorsers, it will not discharge the latter.

The reason of the general rule above given is that the liability of the indorser to the holder is secondary and contingent. On his paying the notes he has a right of action against the principal, or of subrogation to the rights of the creditor. Hence if time has been given, or any act has been done by the creditor which prejudices these equities in the indorser, he will be discharged. When the holder of a note extends it for the maker and expressly reserves his rights against the indorser, the indorser cannot complain, for he can pay the note and immediately proceed against the principal.

The court very distinctly states that the reservation must appear on the agreement to grant time and that it cannot be shown by parole evidence.

—Referring to the great changes that have occurred in the prices of railroad stocks during the past three or four years, a Boston exchange says:

To show how the prices of stocks have changed within a few years, we append the quotations of several of the railroad stocks at various dates. In 1871, Boston and Albany sold up to 165, ex-dividend, now selling at 134½. In 1872 Boston and Lowell sold up to 153¾, ex-dividend, now selling at 54@55. In 1871, Boston and Maine sold up to 126¾, ex-dividend, now selling at 109@110. In 1870, Eastern sold up to 128, and now sells at 113@122. In 1871, Fitchburg sold up to 114, and now sells at 103. In 1871, Michigan Central sold up to 138, and now sells at 69¾. In 1870, Old Colony sold up to 148, and now sells at 110. In 1872, Portland, Saco and Portsmouth sold at 128, and now offered 80. In 1871, Vermont and Canada sold up to 108, and is now offered at 121. In 1871, Vermont and Massachusetts sold up to 93, and now sells up to 98, the only road in the list that has shown an advance. In 1870, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy sold up to 162, and now sells at 113¾, after having been away below par. In 1870, Alton and Terre Haute and Cleveland sold up 37¾, and is now selling at 8½@8¾.

Recent foreign exchanges contain the following statement of the condition of the Bank of France on the 11th ult., as compared with the week preceding:

RESOURCES.	Nov. 4.	Nov. 11.
Gold and silver	$130,584,000	$130,584,000
Treasury bonds	120,360,000	120,360,000
Commercial paper	114,114,000	114,091,000
Advanced to State	12,000,000	12,000,000
Government stocks	16,062,000	16,062,000
Loans on various collat'ls	18,360,000	18,362,000
Miscellaneous assets	9,969,000	9,244,000
Total	$631,171,000	$631,234,000
LIABILITIES.		
Circulation	$482,520,000	$482,028,000
Treasury credits	40,569,000	41,905,000
Other deposits	43,025,000	44,925,000
Capital	25,000,000	25,000,000
Surplus	10,504,000	10,504,000
Miscellaneous	15,084,000	13,374,000
Total	$631,171,000	$631,234,000

—The following table shows the prices of gold, Government bonds, railway stocks, etc., at the various sessions of the New York stock Exchange during the day, furnished by the Fifth National Bank, No. 16 Sixth street:

	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	3:00
December 3, 1875.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Gold	114¾	114¾	114¾	114¼	114¼	114¼
U. S. 6's, 1881, coupons	123¾					
5-20's, 1865	120¾					
5-20's, 1865, new	120¾					
5-20's, 1867, registered	118¾					
5-20's, 1867	122¾					
5-20's, 1868	122¾					
10-40's, coupon	117					
10-40's, registered	116¾					
New 5 per cents	116¾					
Western Union tel	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾
Quicksilver	16¼					
Pacific Mail	41¾					
Panama	127					
Adams Express	103	103				
Wells-Fargo Ex	93					
American Express	50					
U. S. Express	36					
New York Central	105¾					
Erie	18¾					
Michigan Central	69¾	69¾				
Michigan Southern	93¾	93¾				
Illinois Central	130					
Cleve. & Pittsburg	91¾					
Chicago & N western	39¾	39	39	39	39	39¼
Do preferred	84¾	84¾				
Rock Island	105	105				
St. Paul, common	31	31				
Do preferred	66	66	65½	66	65½	66
Wabash, common						
Fort Wayne	134					
Ohio & Mississippi	17¾	18	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾
Terre Haute	8	8	8	8	8	8
Hannibal & St. Joe	21¾					
Atlantic & Pacific	24					
Iron Mountain	14					
C. C. C. & I.	41					
Missouri Pacific	122¾					
Atlantic & Pacific Tel	19					
South Carolinas, Ap'l	22					
South Carolinas, July	32					
Missouri 6's	95					

(By Associated Press.)

Gold Closed at 114¾.

MONEY.

NEW YORK, December 3.—Money 3@6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½@8 per cent. Dry goods imports $1,447,000. Customs receipts $538,000. Assistant Treasurer disbursed $343,000. Clearings $31,000,000. Sterling quiet at 483½@487.

GOLD.

Gold opened at 114¾, declined to 114¾ and closed at 114¾. Rates paid for carrying ware 2, 3, 2½ and 1 per cent.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Government bonds quiet but firm. Railroad bonds quiet but firm. Fort Wayne first sold at 133, Union Pacific sinking funds at 102½, and Chicago and Northwestern consolidated coupon gold bonds at 81¾. State securities quiet. Stocks strong and active in the early dealings, but subsequently reacted from ½ to 1 per cent. During the latter dullness and weakness in the market was heavy and Union Pacific and Pacific Mail were weak, the former selling down to 73 and the latter to 41. In the last hour the market was strong under the lead of Michigan Central, which advanced to 69¾ on active demand to cover short sales recently made on "Boston" information that the latter road would advance the wage decline to 10% and a later slight reversal. The stocks taken aside from Michigan Central in the last hour were Lake Shore, Pacific Mail, Union Pacific and Western Union. Lake Shore has since advanced to 93¾, Northwestern to 39¾, Western Union to 73¾, Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph to 19¾. Pacific Mail declined to 41 and closed at 41¾. Union Pacific, after selling down to 98, activated to 99¾ and stopped at 99. Other changes were generally slight. The October earnings of the Northwestern road netted 39 per cent. net, but, after paying expenses, all owing for interest on bonds and prorating settlements with other lines. This is about the largest net result of a single month's business in the history of the road. The St. Paul road earned $230,000 gross in November ahead of the same month last year. The estimated gross receipts for November by the Union Pacific road are $800,000, or $115,000 ahead of the same month last year. There is a sudden tweaking of Marshall Jones' nerves on reports of suffering tenor from the mines of the company. The stock began to move yesterday at 71¾@8, to-day sales, which were 6,000 shares, ran up to 10¾ per cent. Transactions at the Stock Exchange 105,000 shares, of which 12,000 Lake Shore, 7,000 Pacific Mail, 10,000 Western Union, 3,000 Northwestern, 2,500 St. Paul, 3,000 Erie, 42,000 Lake Shore, 2,000 Union Pacific, 5,000 Mariposa and 11,000 Michigan Central.

The following were the closing quotations:

W. U. Telegraph	73¾	St. Paul	35
Pacific Mail	41	Do preferred	66
Adams Express	103	Toledo & Wabash	9¼
Wells Fargo Ex	93½	Do preferred	34
American Ex	50	Fort Wayne	134
United States Ex	32½	Terre Haute	8¼
New York Central	105¾	Do preferred	20¼
Erie	18¾	Chicago & Alton	98
Do preferred	25	Do preferred	105
Harlem	133	Ohio & Mississippi	17¾
Do preferred	142	Indiana Central	42
Mich. Central	69¾	Burling'n & Quincy	114¾
Lake Shore	93¾	Hannibal & St. Joe	21¾
Illinois Central	99¾	Fort Wayne & Rock Island	104¾
Cleveland & Pitts	90	Atlantic & Pac Tel	19¾
Northwestern	39	Union Pac. stock	99¾
Do preferred	84¾	Central Pac. bds	108¾
N. J. Central	105	Union Pac. bds	105
Rock Island	105¾		

GOVERNMENTS.

U. S. coupons, 1881	123¾	New 5's	117¾
5-20's, 1865	120¾	10-40's	116¾
5-20's, 1865, new	120¾	10-40's coupons	117¾
5-20's, 1867	122¾	Currency 6's	121½
5-20's, 1868	122¾		

STATE BONDS.

Tennessee, old	45	Virginia, old	33
Tennessee, new	44½	Missouri 6's	102¾
Virginia, new	38		

LONDON, December 3, 5 P. M.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £47,000. The rate of discount in open market for three months' bills is 2¾ per cent., being ¼ per cent. below the Bank of England rate. Consols for money 94⅜ for account 93⅝. United States bonds—5-20's, 1865, 103½; do 1867, 105¾; 10-40's, 105¾; new 5's, 104¾. Railroad securities—New York Central 96; Erie 14¾; preferred 29.

PARIS, December 3.—Rentes 6's francs 87½ centimes.

FRANKFORT, December 3.—United States Bonds—New fives, 99¾.

NEW ORLEANS, December 3.—Gold 113. Sight ¼ discount. Sterling—Commercial 51@51½.

GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, } THURSDAY, December 3, 1875. }

There was a rather quiet and uninteresting condition of trade among the wholesale and commission houses of this city to-day. There was little that was new to report, as the volume of business was light and prices were steady without important alteration to note. We noted a firm tone in shelled corn, under the influence of a temporary scarcity. Flour also showed some firmness, but no quotable change. In provisions we noted a limited business, with a slight advance in bacon shoulders. In groceries coffees continue firm as previously noted.

The receipts at the leading articles of produce since our last are as follows:

Flour, bbls	690	Corn, bus	400
Hides, lbs	64	Wheat, bus	450
Butter, pkgs	46	Barley, bus	450
Bacon, tcs	30	Oats, bus	1,249
Potatoes, bus	1,720	Hay, tons	240
Bacon, pcs	1,169		

The quotations given in the following reports are prices realized in wholesale transactions, unless otherwise specified. On small sales, dealers will charge an advance. Sales of grain, unless stated to the contrary, are free of elevator.

Breadstuffs and Produce.

GRAIN—The market was quiet and unchanged except on old shelled corn, which is strong and higher. Wheat is easy with a downward tendency, but quotably unchanged. We quote Michigan white wheat at $1 38@1 40 ₱ bushel; Pennsylvania and Ohio do $1 33@1 35, prime to choice red winter $1 28@1 31; low grade do $1 20 @1 25; rejected do $1 10@1 15, as to quality. Corn is in full demand with a short supply of old shelled. We quote shelled at 67@68c ₱ bushel for prime white; 65@66c for high mixed; 63@64c for low mixed; new car continues easy at 45@47c for mixed; 48@49c for choice yellow. Oats are steady and unchanged. We quote Western white at 42@43c ₱ bushel; Ohio and Pennsylvania do 39@41c; mark to light mixed 36@38c. Barley is moving slowly at depressed prices. We quote Canada at $1 20@1 30 ₱ bushel; choice spring at 1 15@1 25; common to prime do $1 00@1 15; choice fall $1 10@1 15; low grades do 90c@$1 05. Rye is rather small demand, and the tone in values is somewhat firmer. Sowing a slight upward tendency. We quote choice eating apples at $5 50@6 00 ₱ barrel; large cooking $3 25@ 3 75; common to medium grades in light demand at $2 00@3 00.

BUTTER—Table grades continue in demand for strictly choice fresh rolls, while the medium qualities are dull. Values are rather easy but quotably unchanged. We quote prime to choice at 32@33c; fair to good 29@32c; common to fair 15@20c.

CHEESE—The demand is sluggish and prices easy. We quote prime Ohio factory at 14@ 14½c; New York Goshen 14½@15c; Sweitzer 16 @16½c; Limberger 14@15c.

EGGS—The supply is about up to the demand and values are easy. We quote strictly fresh at 32@33c ₱ dozen; pickled are in fair supply at 24@26c.

POTATOES—The business in potatoes is quiet with not much business in car lots and the bulk of transactions from store. The market is steady and firm with a slight upward tendency. We quote for round lots on track at 30@35c. For Peerless and Early Rose 40@45c for prime peachblows. From store there is a quiet but easy market at $1 40@1 50 ₱ barrel or 50@60c ₱ bushel.

POULTRY—There is a moderately active trade. Live chickens are quoted at 40@50c ₱ pair; live turkeys 7½@8c ₱ lb; tame poultry: Chickens 12@13c ₱ lb; turkeys 14@16c; ducks 12@14c.

Provisions.

BACON—We quote shoulders at 10¼c ₱ lb; clear rib sides 13½c; clear sides 13¾c.

HAMS—We quote plain sugar-cured at 16c; Sugar-cured shoulders 11¾c; breakfast fast bacon is quoted at 16c; dried beef 13c ₱ lb; tongues, $1 25@1 50 ₱ dozen.

MESS PORK—The market is quiet and steady; We quote at $25 50 ₱ bbl.

LARD—We quote prime Lard, refined, in tierces, 9¾ 14c; half bbls do 10¼c; in buckets, do 11¼; prime kettle rendered 10½@11c; leaf 9¾ pails, 17¾c; in 5 lb do, 17¾c; in 2 lb do, 17½c.

LARD OIL—The market is easy. We quote extra No. 1 lard oil, current make, 60@62½c; No. 1 do, 55@57½c; No. 2 do, 47½@50c; No. 3 do, 42½@45c; No. 4 do, 37½@40c; tallow at 10@ 10¼c; choice country rendered 9@9½c; medium do 7¾@8c.

Groceries.

Trade is not very heavy in the line of staple groceries, orders being principally of a light character intended to supply immediate requirements of consumers. Coffees continue firm, with an upward tendency, though no quotable advance was noted, the standard grades of Rio ruling unchanged, and nominally 20c, while second grades range from 25@ 26c. Green coffees are correspondingly firm, but not quotably higher. Sugars are steady at former quotations. Prices current are as follows:

Green Coffees.	₱ lb.	*Sugars.*	₱ lb.
Fancy Rio	25	Standard A	10¼@10¾
Choice Rio	24	Standard Coal	10@10¼
Prime Rio	24	Do. extra C	10@10¼
Good Rio	22	Extra C yellow	9¾@
Ordinary Rio	21	C—yellow	9¼
Roasted Coffees.		Franklin, B	9¾
Rio, in papers	28@	Cut Loaf	11¾
Rio, in bulk	26@28¼	Crushed	11¾
Java, in papers	30	Powdered	11¾
Java, in bulk	33½	Granulated	11½
Teas.		*Molasses.*	₱ gall.
Young Hyson	41	Syrup, N. O. new	70c
Imperial	50@ 1 25	Syrup, choice	80c
Imperial	50@ 1 00	Good	75c
Gunpowder	50@ 1 25	*Syrups.*	
Oolong	25@ 85	Ex. white drips	70c
Fancy	1 00	Sugar drips	90c
Medium	85@ 90	Golden syrup	65@70c
Rice.		*Starch.*	₱ lb.
Choice Carl'n	8¼	Pearl	5
Patna	7¼@8	Silver Gloss	9½
Rangoon	7¼@7½	Corn	10½
Spices.		*Soaps.*	
Cloves	60	Irish soap, ₱ box	$1 25
Allspice	18	Brandt's best, ₱ box	5 75
Pepper	25	Do. N. Y. City, ₱ b	9½
Candles.		German mottled do	7½
Star, full weight	18	Bi-carb, in kegs	5 c
Star, light	17	Bi-carb, in 10 lb papers	5½c
Mould	11@12	Bi-carb, in 5 papers	7 c

CANNED GOODS—There is a good demand at steady prices. We quote: Tomatoes, 3 cans ₱ doz, $1 00; peaches, 3 lb cans, ₱ doz, $2 25@2 50; corn, 2 lb cans, ₱ doz, $2 25; lima beans, 2 lb cans $2 25; string beans, 2 lb cans $1 90; cherries, 2 lb cans $2 25@2 50; blackberries, 2 lb cans $2 00; strawberries, 2 lb cans $2 00; raspberries, 2 lb cans $2 25; pineapples, 2 lb cans $2 25; pineapples, 3 lb cans $3 00; pears, 2 lb cans $2 25; pint pickles, $1 35; quart do $2 35; half gallon do $3 75; gallon pickles, $3 25; hf-bbls containing 600 pickles, $4 75.

Petroleum.

December 4.—The market was firm and a decided advance took place since our last report, the appreciation being most marked in United certificates. Refined was firm in sympathy and somewhat stronger.

CRUDE—The market was firm with a sharp advance over our last quotations in United certificates, while other lines showed a less decided upward movement. We quote United as follows: At 4c, 50 bbls; cash to 4 3/16@4 3/8c; Union and Pennsylvania do 4 3/8@4 5/16c; immediate shipment at 4 9/16@4 6/16. Sales to the aggregate of 30,000 barrels since noted.

REFINED—A firmer and better tone prevailed in sympathy with the advance in crude circles, and we notice an advanced range in prices somewhat checked by advanced freight rates and also unfavorable foreign and seaboard reports. We quote standard white on the cars at 9 3/8@9¾c. New York delivery is at 12¾@12¾c for spot and the month. Philadelphia is quoted at 12@12¼c for prompt and early December delivery. Benzine is firm at 12c for prompt delivery.

OIL BARRELS—Continue dull and depressed at $1 25@1 30 for cities; $1 15@1 20 for country.

(By Western Union Telegraph.)

TITUSVILLE, December 3.—The *Courier* says: There was quite an advance in United and the closing figure was the highest point it reached. Opening at $1 32¼ it advanced steadily to $1 37¾ at the close. This advance was not apparent in other lines. Upper road closed at $1 35@$1 40 and immediate shipment at $1 38¾@1 40. The total sales were 30,000 bbls.

OIL CITY, December 3.—The *Derrick* says: United let the close war at 2¾, bid; $1 37¾ asked for new certificates; shipment quiet at $1 32½@1 33. The total sales were 45,000 barrels United—5,000 pipage and 40,000 shipments.

NEW YORK, December 3, closing 2.—There is a restricted export trade, with the high rates of ocean freight, but in sympathy with the creek, prices are a trifle higher. The closing prices are: Crude in bulk 7c for prompt; 7c for December; do in shipping order 10½c on the spot and 10¼c for December; refined 12½@12¾c for spot and 12¾@12¾c for December; naptha 9¾@10c for prompt. At Baltimore refined is quoted at 11¾@c at Philadelphia 11¾@ 12c.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3.—Market quiet; standard white 11½@12c; delivered here 10¾c.

PARKERS, December 3.—Market firm; United $1 37¾; shipment $1 32½.

TITUSVILLE, December 3.—Market quiet and firm at $1 00@1 02¾.

OIL CITY, December 3.—Market firm and advancing at $1 02¾.

ROUSEVILLE, December 3.—Market firm: refined, at $1 00@1 02¾.

TIDIOUTE, December 3.—Market held higher at $1 00@1 02¾.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, December 3.—Petroleum firmer; refined 12¾c; crude 7c.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3.—Petroleum firmer; refined 11¾@12c; crude in barrels 10¾c.

CLEVELAND, December 3.—Oil strong; 140 degrees test 10½@10¾c; 150 degrees test 10¾c.

REFINED OIL SHIPPED EAST BY A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Vesta O'W	George Pohl, Phila	350
John Spear	George Pohl, Phila	350
W. P. Logue	George Pohl, Phila	350
Standard Oil Co	Warden, F & Co, Phila	1,240
Total		3,300

Weekly Review of the Pig Iron and Bloom Market.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, } SATURDAY, December 4, 1875. }

The markets for the metal continues very dull, with no quotable change in prices since our last report.

We have reported in the following sales:

BITUMINOUS COAL SMELTED FROM LAKE SUPERIOR ORE.

300 tons neutral forge	$22 50—4 mos
100 tons white	22 50—4 mos
100 tons grey forge	22 50—4 mos
100 tons white	24 00—4 mos
50 tons extra red short	24 00—4 mos
50 tons grey forge	22 00—4 mos

CONNELLSVILLE COKE.

100 tons grey forge	$22 50—4 mos
50 tons grey forge	22 50—4 mos
10 tons No. 2 foundry	22 00—cash
10 tons No. 2 foundry	24 00—4 mos
10 tons No. 1 foundry	27 00—4 mos
10 tons No. 2 foundry	24 00—4 mos

CHARCOAL.

120 tons Nos. 1 & 2 foundry, H. R.	Private terms

For Additional Markets and River News see Fourth page.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

Abstract of Properties to be Sold by John H. Hare, Esq., Sheriff, on Monday, December 6th, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the Court House, City of Pittsburgh.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

Five hundred dollars of the price or sum at which the property shall be struck off, shall be paid to the Sheriff at the time of the sale, or by Friday, December 10th, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M., unless the purchase money shall be less than that sum, in which case only the purchase money shall be paid; otherwise the property will again, on Friday, December 10th, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the same place, be put up and sold at the expense and risk of the person to whom it was struck off, who, in the case of any deficiency in such resale, shall make good the same; in case of the sale being for a very large amount, will demand that ten per cent. of the purchase money be paid in addition to the $500.

N. B.—For the benefit of our unprofessional readers, who do not understand the meaning of the letters and figures following the defendant's name, we make the following:

EXPLANATION.

No. 1, Court of Common Pleas. No. 1 indicates the court of which the writ of execution was issued under which the sale is made; V. Fs., or Vend. Exs., Venditioni Exponas; L. F., or Lev. Fa., Levari Facias; F. F., or Fi. Fa., Fieri Facias, show the kind of writs; a Levari Facias is the writ of sale upon a mortgage, mechanics' lien, or a municipal lien; Venditioni, or Fieri Facias, upon an ordinary debt, or for ground rent; 18, D., 75, means No. 18 of Dec. Term, 1875, the number and term of the docket entry, the following figures show the amount of the debt, and the name following is the name of the attorney issuing the writ.

RICHARD ROWLEY.

No. 1 F. F., 18 D., '75. $124 57. FRIEND.

Lot No. 227 in M. B. Brown's plan, in town of Mansfield, fronting 40 feet on Broad way, and running back 90 feet, to Spruce alley, and having thereon erected a two story frame dwelling. Deed Book, vol. 297, page 711.

JAMES TRUNICK.

No. 1, F. F., 46 D., '75. $6,250 89. LAZEAR.

Piece of land situate in Baldwin township, bounded by lands of Margaret Carson, D. Rutherford's heirs, Long, Jamison, V. Davis, McAnulty and Clair, containing 119 acres, 2 roods and 5 perches, and having thereon erected a one-story brick house, one log house, one log barn, hay sheds, out buildings, &c. Deed Book, vol. 106, page 530. Excepting 1 acre and 11 perches and 18 perches, sold to Jacob Young, Jr. Deed Book, vol. 131, page 467.

DAVID M. AIKEN.

No. 1, V. E., 47 D., '75. $735 89.

Lot fronting 20 feet on south side of Webster avenue, 35 feet east from Erin street, Eleventh ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 66 feet, and having thereon erected a two-story brick dwelling.

JOHN B. M'CORMICK.

No. 1, F. F., 183 D., '75. $55. MCCORMICK.

Lots Nos. 3 and 4, Plan No. 24, in plan of Buena Vista, fronting 120 feet on south side of Vine street and running back along Third street 120 feet to Virgin alley, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling.

GEORGE E. M'GOWIN.

No. 1, L. F., 185 D., '75. $6,671 70.

STEWART.

Lot fronting 20 feet on north side of Penn street, 40 feet east from Hand street, Fourth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 68 5-12 feet, with privilege of a 3 feet alley, and having thereon erected a three-story brick dwelling, No. 275 Penn street.

JOEL REDELL.

No. 1, F. F., 194 D., '75. $1,000.

FORSYTHE.

The undivided half part of piece of land situate fronting on First street, borough of McKeesport, running back between Walnut street and Blackberry alley to Second street, being lots Nos. 176, 177, 178, 179 and 180 and part of No. 175, and having thereon erected a steam saw mill, engine, machinery, &c., also a small frame dwelling. Deed Book, vol. 247, page 403, and vol. 313, page 139, excepting therefrom the undivided one-sixth part conveyed to David Cunningham.

CHAS. SEITZ.

No. 1, L. F., 208 D., '75. $566. MONRO.

Lot fronting 20 feet on south side of Wharton street, 90 feet east from Eighteenth street, East Birmingham, and running back 60 feet. Deed Book, vol. 221, page 398.

THOMPSON W. GRUBBS.

No. 1, L. F., 209 D., '75. $2,148 99.

HAYMAKER & HAYMAKER.

Lot fronting 44 feet on north side of Adams street, Sixth ward, Allegheny City, and running back along Manhattan street 125 feet to an alley. Deed Book, vol. 271, page 19.

DAVID SHAW, JR.

No. 1, L. F., 212 D., '75. $3,273 90. HALL.

Piece of land situate in Patton township, bounded by lands of Frank Noll, Dareas J. Shaw, and David Shaw, Jr., containing 73 acres and 46 perches, and having thereon erected a two-story log dwelling, frame barn. Deed Book, vol. 285, page 511.

MICHAEL S. HILPERT.

No. 1, L. F., 228 D., '75. $2,117 83.

S. C. SCHOYER.

Lot No. 47 in Mellon's plan, fronting 25 feet on Grazier street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 105 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a frame dwelling. Deed Book, vol. 312, page 337.

ANDREW BEDELL, JR.

No. 1, F. F., 230 D., '75. $1,500.

MILLER & MCBRIDE.

Piece of land situate in Jefferson township, bounded by lands of Castor, Huffman, Lydia's heirs and Heth, containing 52 acres and 26 perches, more or less.

2d.

All the bituminous coal underlying piece of land situated in said township, bounded by lands of Thomas, Bedell, Payne and Wm. Cook's heirs, containing 112 acres and 129 perches.

4th.

Piece of land situate in said township, bounded by land of Trumbo, Large, Gray and Hoffman, and containing 295 acres, excepting and reserving thereout, 112 acres and 129 perches, conveyed to Wm. Bedell. Deed Book, vol. 270, page 524.

CHAS. BALDINGER.

No. 1, F. F., 244 D., '75. $25.

ROTHERMEL.

Lot No. 22 in Chas. Foester's plan, fronting 30 feet on Barkheimer street, Twenty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 188 92-100 feet. Deed Book, vol. 201, page 702.

DAVID CAMPBELL.

No. 1, F. F., 290 D., '75. $157 50.

M'CREERY.

Piece of land, situate in Glendale, Kilbuck township, adjoining lands of H. P. Mueller, and containing about 7 acres, together with rights of way. Deed Book, vol. 339, page 289.

FREDERICK KLEIN.

No. 1, L. F., 282 D., '75. $2,339 40. LAMBIE.

Lots Nos. 4 and 5, in plan of Peter Bates *et al.*, fronting 18 feet on East street, Seventh ward, Allegheny City, and running back 74 feet, and having thereon erected two two-story frame dwellings. Deed Book, vol. 270, page 303.

WM. TROUT.

No. 1, L. F., 283 D., '75. $4,586 40.

LAMBIE.

Lots Nos. 43 and 44, in Geo. G. Negley's plan, fronting together 62½ feet on north side of Broad street, Nineteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back along a 20 feet street 187 feet, and having thereon erected, two two-story dwellings and stable. Deed Book, vol. 243, page 539. Plan Book, vol. 3, pages 270-1.

FREDERICK SEVERSMAN, with notice to JOHN MARSHALL and JAMES GINNIFF, assignees.

No. 1, L. F., 264 D., '75. $1,288 28.

MUELLER.

Lot fronting 29 feet on north side of Webster avenue, 223 feet east from Logan street, Eighth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 100 feet to Poplar alley. Deed Book, vol. 196, page 209.

JOHN MARDATH.

No. 1, L. F., 271 D., '75. $184 50.

W. S. MILLER.

Two-story frame dwelling and lot or curtilage appurtenant thereto, being lot No. 47 in C. H. Love's plan, fronting on Clinton avenue, Oakdale, adjoining land of Moses Hastings' heirs.

ADAM BARTH.

No. 1, L. F., 275 D., '75. $1,716. COHEN.

Two and three-story frame dwelling and lot fronting 22 feet on north side of Villa street, Seventh ward, Allegheny City, and running back along Ohio valley 71 feet.

J. H. RATH.

No. 1, V. E., 284 D., '75. $317 07.

MELLON.

Lot of ground 85 by 165 feet situate in Forward township, containing 47 8-10 perches, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling.

WM. BAILIE deceased in the hands of ELEANOR BAILIE adm'rx.

No. 1, V. E., 78 D., '75. $992 25.

BRUCE & NEGLEY.

Lot fronting 41½ feet on Tustin street, Fourteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back about 61 feet, being the south end of lot No. 8 in Alexander Miller's plan.

JOHN RICHARDSON and DANIEL RICHARDSON.

No. 1, V. E., 81 D., '75, $267 38.

STRICKLER.

Lots Nos. 26 and 27 in John and Daniel Richardson's plan, fronting together 82½ feet on Grant street, borough of Braddocks, and running back along Shingiss street 120 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a two-story frame house and outbuildings. Plan Book, vol. 3, page 212.

WM. NURTON.

No. 1, L. F., 88 D., '75. $2,512 50.

MORELAND.

Lot No. 9 in Wm. Oxford's plan, fronting 20 feet on Pearl street, Pittsburgh, and running back about 137 feet to Spring alley. Deed Book, vol. 277, page 2 and 3. Plan Book, vol. 4, page 69.

HENRY BLETTNER and ELIZABETH BLETTNER.

No. 1, L. F., 100, D., '75. $1,505.

STRICKLER.

Lot No. 135, in Anna H. Irwin's plan, fronting 20 feet on St. Mary's avenue, Pittsburgh, and running back 100 feet to Cedar alley, and having thereon erected a two-story frame house and outbuildings. Plan Book, vol. 3, page 108.

J. G. STINKEL.

No. 1, F. F., 110 D., '75. $1,375.

MORELAND.

Lot fronting 20 feet on Nixon street, 20 feet east from Charlotes street, Sixth ward, Allegheny City, and running back 120 feet to Pine alley; having thereon erected, two, two story frame dwellings. Deed Book, vol. 227, page 122.

CONRAD SCHAD.

No. 1, F. F., 112 D., '75. $200. MITCHELL.

Lot fronting 30 feet on West side of Ferry street, First ward, Pittsburgh, and running back along Second street 69 feet to 12 feet alley, and having thereon erected two three story brick buildings. Deed Book, vol. 178, page 18.

2d.

Lot fronting 20 feet on north side of Gibbon street, Sixth ward, Pittsburgh, 122 feet from McGee street, and running back 135½ feet to Forbes street, and having thereon erected a double two story brick house. Deed Book, vol. 208, page 635.

JAMES W. DRAPE.

No. 1 L. F., 120 D., '75. $4,863 62.

MELLON.

Lot No. 151 in Wm. Robinson's plan fronting 20 feet on West side of Miller street, 468 feet north from North Common, and running back 110 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a two story brick dwelling and outbuildings.

WM. H. GORDON.

No. 1, V. E., 124, 132 and 418 D., '75. $790 72, $234 18, $408 42.

M'CREERY AND BAYNE & MAGEE.

Piece of land fronting 143 feet on Adams street, Sixth ward, Allegheny City, and running back along Manhattan street 129 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected sixteen double three story brick houses.

2d.

Lot fronting 100 feet on Juniata street, 240 feet east from Fulton street, Sixth ward, Allegheny City, and running back 120½ feet to an alley, and having thereon erected thirteen three-story brick houses.

3d.

Lot fronting 71 feet 2½ inches on north side of Locust street, 175 feet east from Chartiers street, Sixth ward, Allegheny City, and running back along an alley, 170 feet to an alley.

JOHN MUNHALL.

No. 1, F. F., 152 D., '75. $530.

FULTON.

Lot fronting 50 feet on Braddock street, borough of Braddock, and running back 128 feet to Shirley alley and having thereon erected two two-story frame houses and one two-story brick house. Deed Book, vol. 257, page 55.

JAMES C. BROWN.

No. 1, L. F., 163 D., '75. $1,722 75. TODD.

Lot fronting 45 feet on north side of Water alley, 98 feet west from Beaver street, Allegheny City, and running back 60 feet to land of Robert Knox, deceased, and having thereon erected two frame dwellings.

JOSEPH SPINDLER.

No. 1, F. F., 176 D., '75. $194. C

CITY MATTERS

For eighty-five cents per month the DAILY COMMERCIAL will be mailed to travelers or to subscribers who are temporarily absent from Pittsburgh. The address of the paper will be changed as often as is desired.

Local Observations.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, U. S. SIG. SERV. } Room 23, First National Bank, } PITTSBURGH, Pa., December 3, 1875.

Time.	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum	WIND. Dir.	WIND. Force.	Weath.
7 A. M.	30 309	27	77	N. E.	Gentle.	Clear
2 P. M.	30 270	37	90	E.	Gentle.	Lt rain
9 P. M.	30 431	39	81	N. E.	Light.	Cloudy

Mean barometer...30.332 Highest thermom....40
Mean thermom.....35 Lowest thermom.....22

Discharged.

Thomas Gatewood, the colored clerk in the postoffice, who was arrested several days ago on the charge of purloining a letter, was yesterday discharged by United States Commissioner G. mble. Gatewood appeared twice before the Commissioner for a hearing, and on neither occasion was there the slightest shadow of proof tending to establish his guilt.

Please Your Family.

This can easily be done by taking home to them plenty of nice reading matter for Sunday. Gildentenney & Co., 69 Fifth avenue, keep all the illustrated and literary papers worth having, as well as all the new books and new books. They have an elegant assortment of goods suitable for holiday gifts. Go and see them.

Allegheny Committees.

Three committees of Allegheny Councils—Gas, Wooden Buildings and Fire Engines—met last evening.

In the Gas Committee nineteen lamps were recommended to be placed at different places, and sub-committees were appointed to procure estimates for the Market House, Bridge and examine the lamps on the Union Bridge, and ascertain who they will not burn. It was announced that the contract for gas in the lamps would arrive to-day, and that the work of putting them up, on Monday and Tuesday next, would be commenced at once.

The Wooden Buildings Committee recommended the passage of an ordinance granting permission to S. S. Mc Ins to erect a frame stable on Sterling election avenue.

The Committee on Fire Engines approved the bills for $1,500 and Hill amounting to about $250.

Inquest on Samuel Vance.

Coroner McClaffin held an inquest yesterday on the body of Samuel Vance, who was killed near McKeesport, Thursday morning, by being struck by the Monongahela accommodation train on the Connellsville Railroad. Employees on the train testified that they were running at the rate of six or seven miles an hour, and that deceased recklessly drove his wagon onto the track, and was not seen by the engine or until too late to avert the collision. Other testimony showed that the speed of the train was greater, some fixing it as high as twenty or twenty-five miles an hour. The jury were of opinion that the deceased was in part about as much to blame as the engineer, but recommended that the company erect signal boards at the crossing and that they run their trains strictly in conformity with the borough ordinance, which limits their speed.

The Latest from Charlie Ross.

A woman named Mrs. Burt, living in Milwaukee, has informed the police of that city that Charlie Ross is now six miles southwest of Kittanning, in Armstrong county. He is in the custody of a man named Jack Morrissey, who was one of the parties that abducted him —according to Mrs. Burt's statement. She says a detective in Philadelphia assisted in the abduction—the child was conveyed by carriage to the county line, and there the parties boarded the train, the detective being changed for a woman. The object of the abduction was to secure $20,000, one-half of which was to go to the detective. Mr. Ross was supposed to be wealthy—and was wealthy up to the time of the panic. If he had immediately offered $20,000 he could have had his child, Mrs. Burt says.

—All which might be true—but we don't ask any one to believe it.

Allegheny Officials.

Controller Brown furnishes the following returns of the various officers of Allegheny City for the month of November:

O. Philips, Mayor, fines and forfeitures	$ 241 95
C. Davis, City Engineer, lot regulations	58 00
H. C. Richmond, Superintendent Water Works; sale of ferrules	137 70
D. Hastings, Clerk of markets	1,264 26
Alex. Hanna, Street Commissioner, west district	115 00
W. W. Tyson, Street Commissioner, east district	25 00
George B. McNulty, Weighmaster Diamond sales	257 38
D. J. Boden, Weighmaster Second ward scales	381 15
C. Hoch, Health Officer	15 00
Wm. Greenawalt, Bark Measurer	105 02
Total	$2,579 19

Temperance Jubilee Meeting.

The sixteenth of the series of Sunday evening temperance jubilee meetings will be held in the Academy of Music, to-morrow evening, beginning at half-past seven o'clock. On this occasion "Mother" Stewart, of Springfield, Ohio, will deliver a farewell address to the people of Pittsburgh, prior to her departure for Europe, whence she sails next week, having been called hither by the Good Templars of London to help inaugurate a grand temperance movement there. A chorus of from fifty to sixty voices has been in course of organization during the week, and is nearly completed, and the managers desire all who have signified their willingness to sing in this chorus, to meet at the Academy of Music to-morrow afternoon, at three o'clock, promptly, for instruction. All persons, male or female, who may yet desire to connect themselves with this chorus, and who can sing, and will do good cause, can do so at the time and place above named. The "Gospel Songs" are used at these meetings.

Real Estate Transfers.

PITTSBURGH, December 3, 1875.

The following deeds were recorded in the office of Ralph J. Richardson, Recorder:

John J. Maggino to A. P. Maggino, September 7, 1875; lot Wilkins township, Allegheny county | $
John Patterson *et ux.* to John E. Shafer, December 23, 1874; lot Elizabeth township, Allegheny county | 350 00
Henry Bell to Mary Allen, December 2, 1875; two lots borough of Mansfield, Allegheny county | 3,350 00
Sheriff Hare to August Espy, November 6, 1875; lot Washington street, Twenty-eighth ward, Pittsburgh, 20 x72 feet | 1,000 00
John Sarn, Jr., *et ux.* to James Muse, October 27, 1874; lot Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, Pa | 4,370 16
C. St. Clair Gray *et ux.* to Julius Fossiel and George Rese, November 26, 1875; lot Fifth avenue, Third ward, Pittsburgh, 20x100 feet | 1 00
Peter Mashof to John J. Maggino, March 15, 1875; lot Wilkins township, Allegheny county | 7,000 00
William Hamilton *et ux.* to Hirman Handel, July 19, 1875; five lots Allegheny City, Allegheny county | 700 00
A. H. Bailey to Henry Bell, November 27th, 1875; lot Main avenue, Borough of Mansfield, Allegheny county, 50x140 feet | 11,000 00
Jonathan Hulton, Jr., *et ux.* to Jonathan Hulton, Sr., November 22, 1875; lot Railroad avenue, Borough of Verona, Allegheny county, 200x150 feet | 200 00
William Warner to J. B. Smith, December 2, 1875; lot Freemont street, Allegheny city, 40x160 feet | 1,500 00
George Finley *et ux.* to Robert H. Thompson, October 19, 1875; lot Wilson street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, 20x100 feet | 1,500 00
John McDonald *et ux.* to John F. O'Malley, November 22, 1875; lot Brownsville avenue, Twenty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, 55x25 feet | 1,550 00
Sheriff Hare to William Wood, November 20, 1875; lot Fifth ward, Pittsburgh, 20x60 feet | 4,000 00
P. Harvey Miller to William H. Lee, May 1, 1875; lot Harrison street, Seventeenth ward, Pittsburgh | 1,100 00
Joseph Thomas *et ux.* to Thomas Nixon, November 26, 1875; lot Robinson street, First ward, Allegheny city | 1 00

Wood Pavement Under the Microscope.

Mr. Thomas Taylor, of the Washington Board of Public Health, after examining under the microscope blocks from the pavements of that city, has made a report, from which we condense the following conclusions: The blocks treated with dead oil of tar preserve their natural texture, and neither the spores nor mycelium of fungi are to be found within the wood cells so treated. Experiment and observation demonstrate that the blocks treated with dead oil of tar decay by oxydation, and not by fermentation, and that the blocks saturated with this material are not injurious to health. However, the original cohesiveness of the fiber is wholly wanting, and the blocks soon become formed to a pasty condition, which makes them unable to bear the weight and constant friction of public travel. The three other samples, not treated with oily matter, were all in a fermenting condition, and the network of mycelium—roots of fungi—was apparent, and the presence of large quantities of these blocks greatly contribute to the pollution of the atmosphere—the gases evolved being decidedly malarious in character. The report concludes as follows:

"About twelve months ago four specimens of prepared wood were given to my hands for microscopic examination, which had been treated respectively by four different processes viz: the dead oil of tar process, the zinc process and the Robins process. These four specimens were placed in four separate jars, filled with pure river water. All of the specimens have been kept to this date. The water was changed every two weeks, the object being to remove all soluble preserving mixtures, in order to ascertain what action, if any, would take place in pure running water in contrast with stagnant water, charged with ferments. An examination made of the specimens at this date shows that the fibre of all the specimens is comparatively sound. The wood block which had been prepared by the zinc process was, however, completely ramified by fungi spores and mycelium, indicating that had not the water been frequently changed, fermentation would have set in strongly on the specimens. I consider that the principal causes of the destruction of the wood pavements are the large and continuous deposits of animal wastes on the public streets, combined with excessive moisture, which acts as agents of fermentation."

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Library Hall.

The largest audience of the week greeted Miss Charlotte Thompson last evening, when she played *Jane Eyre* for the fifth time. It will be repeated at the matinee this afternoon. To-night "Hagman," or "Ingomar," will be presented, with Miss Thompson in the character of *Parthenia* and Mr. Sheridan as *Ingomar*.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

"The Princess of Trebizonde" was very cleverly sung and acted last evening, by Mrs. Oates and her troupe. The attendance was great. At the matinee this afternoon Girofle-Girofla is promised. This evening, when her engagement closes, Mrs. Oates will give, for the first time in this city, "Trial by Jury," to be followed by "Les Bavards."

Fifth Avenue Comedy Theater.

Those laughter-provoking comedians, Harrigan and Hart, give their farewell performances of "The Doyle Brothers," this afternoon and evening.

Trimmble's Varieties Theater.

The drama of "Wide Awake," with France and his knowing dogs, will be played at the matinee to-day and again this evening. In addition there will be a full list of variety acts.

Grand English Opera.

The sale of seats for "The Lily of Killarney" and "The Huguenots" is progressing very satisfactorily at Hales', 139 Smithfield street. There will be large and fashionable audiences.

Walker's Great Battle Piece.

To-day closes the exhibition here of Walker's painting of the *Battle of Lookout Mountain*. It may be seen in the art gallery at Library Hall.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CENTENARY.

Principal Features of the Convention to be Held Next Week.

The Centennial Memorial Convention which is to be held at the First Presbyterian church in this city, from next Tuesday to Thursday, inclusive, promises to possess unusual interest, not only to Presbyterians alone, but also for the public generally. The planting of Presbyterianism in Western Pennsylvania, one hundred years ago, by John McMillan and his colaborers, connects itself with all that is most vital in our early history. This will be very evident to all who know anything of what has been written in regard to the "Olden Time" by Neville B. Craig, H. H. Brackenridge and others of a former day, or more recently by our vivid local historiographer, Charles McKnight.

The convention will be opened with the M'Millan "Discourse" by Dr. D. X. Junkin, of New Castle, Pa. It will be rich in reminiscences and anecdotes of the "Apostle of the West," besides giving an account of "the Gospel he preached, and its influence on the civilization of Western Pennsylvania."

On Wednesday morning the "Secular History" of those times will be treated of by Hon. James Veech and Wm. Darlington, Esq.; the former giving some instalments of a history, in the materials of which he is richer than any other man living, pertaining to the early settlement of Western Pennsylvania, the characer and antecedents of the people, their hardships and trials, their perils from savage Indians, their political relations, the whisky insurrection, etc.; and the latter dwelling on details, many of which have not been published, showing the condition of "Pittsburgh as it was a Century Ago." Mr. Darlington is the "old mortality" of Pittsburgh and its surroundings, and will have all others for guides in the preparation of such a work.

Wednesday afternoon the "Ecclesiastical History," in biographical sketches of some of McMillan's co-laborers, will be given by Dr. Eaton, of Franklin. Those who are acquainted with his "History of Old Regions," and of the "Presbytery of Erie," can judge of his ample qualifications for the task assigned him.

Wednesday evening Dr. Aaron Williams will give the "Statistical History," showing briefly that of the early revivals, and of that singular "Falling Work," which characterized the first great revival in the West. Dr. Williams is well known among us as the author of the "Harmony of the Harmony Society," a woman in the Bible, and various other contributions to the press.

Thursday morning Dr. Brownson, of Washington county, will present the "Educational Interest," which will perhaps surprise some of the younger members by their learn ed of the zeal and self-denial of our fathers in the matter of education, and the colleges and colleges for education, both secular and religious, of their sons, thousands of whom have gone from the wilds of the land as the most honored ornaments of society, and the most conspicuous members of the several learned professions. Brackenridge, Baldwin and others known by his "Memoir of I. Elliott," and various occasional published discourses which have proved his skill and power as a writer.

Thursday afternoon Dr. Swift, of Allegheny, will give the "Missionary History," domestic and foreign, in which it will be shown that the progress of this region is not anything but self so people who sought only fat lands and comfortable homes for themselves and families. Brackenridge, Baldwin, Wilson and colleges to supply the wants of the "destitute settlements," and to evangelize those savage tribes from which they had suffered so much. Dr. Swift is particularly at home in this field, both as a practical philanthropist and as having inherited the zeal of his eloquent and distinguished father, Rev. Elisha P. Swift, D. D., who may be regarded as the founder of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

Other important addresses by distinguished speakers from abroad are expected to be interspersed among the historical discourses, and the convention will probably close on Thursday evening with brief informal addressed by Professor S. J. Wilson, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, and others, chiefly with a devotional and practical aim.

Altogether, this Convention is likely to be an occasion conspicuous among the celebrations of this period of centennials, and one which ought to be honored with a large attendance, not only of Presbyterians, but of those of other churches and of no church who would learn what a sturdy and noble ancestry they have to be proud of.

THE ROAD DEPARTMENT.

Committee Meeting—Pay Rolls—Ordinances Proposed.

A regular meeting of the Road Committee of Pittsburgh Councils was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. Breed presiding.

Ordinances were ordered to be recommended to Councils for the assessment of damages caused by grading Soho street; for opening, grading and paving Hill street, Thirteenth ward; for widening, opening, grading, paving and curbing Station street, East Liberty, and granting John W. Doak privilege to use sidewalk on Lincoln avenue.

The Controller was directed to advertise for proposals for breaking seven hundred perches of stone on Oakland avenue, Bates street, Atwood and Bocay streets.

A petition for the extension of the sewer at Soho between Fifth avenue and Forbes street was laid over.

An ordinance opening Notley street, Twenty-third ward, was laid over, a remonstrance having been presented against the same.

The matter of repairing Second avenue near Nine Mile Run bridge was referred to the City Engineer and Solicitor, the Commissioner representing that the break in the avenue was caused by excavations of the Connellsville Railroad.

CONTRACTS LET.

The contract for delivering two hundred perches of stone on Bocay street was awarded to James McKibben at $1 19 per perch.

The contract for breaking one hundred perches of stone on Westminster street was let to John Barry at twenty-one cents per perch, and that for breaking forty perches on Liliff street to John Soha at twenty-five cents per perch.

A contract for delivering forty perches on the same street was awarded to John Rieland at seventy-five cents per perch.

A contract for constructing a board walk on Orphan street, Twenty-first ward, was awarded to E. Reno at thirty-eight cents per perch.

ASSESSMENTS APPROVED.

The following assessments were approved:

For grading Lake street from Wilson to Lincoln avenue; grading Wilson street from Spring to Ridge streets; grading, paving and curbing Meyran avenue from Fifth to Bates street; for grading Jackson street from Frankstown avenue to Railroad street; grading, paving and curbing Craft avenue from Fifth avenue to a point near Niagara street.

The pay rolls for the month of November were approved as follows:

First district	$ 750 47
Second district	645 0
Third district	151 0.
Miscellaneous expenses	365 6.
Total	$2,542 29

On motion adjourned.

LIBERTY AVENUE.

Completion of the Improvement.

The work of the commission having in charge the improvement of Liberty avenue from Thirty-third street to Center avenue is finished, and yesterday we had the pleasure of examining one of the finest thoroughfares in the city. Between the points indicated the distance is a little short of two miles, and throughout, the avenue is eighty feet wide. The grading and curbing was done by Messrs. Case and McPherson and the paving by Messrs. J. L. & W. H. Hastings. The heaviest grade is five feet to the hundred running a distance of sixteen hundred feet, and then it decreases to two feet to the hundred. An excellent bed for the pavement was obtained, much of it being almost solid rock. The pavement is of red cedar block, which will not rot and will wear evenly. The engineering was done by Mr. William Bone, and the whole work was constantly supervised by the commissioners as follows: Dr. A. H. Good, F. Clogan, Benjamin Schmidt, John R. Baum and Samuel McKinley. The commission have a guarantee, with bond, which the contractors agree to keep the pavement in repair for ten years. The members of the commission speak in the highest terms of the contractors and of their work. The improvement occasioned some very heavy cutting in the most extensive "hill" hereabouts. At the run, in the Sixteenth ward, the fill extends a distance of nine hundred feet and at the deepest place reaches over eighty feet. The improvement is a very important one.

THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

Meeting of the Committee—Pay Rolls for November—Improvements Proposed.

The Street Committee of Pittsburgh Councils met last evening, Mr. Thomson in the chair.

The pay rolls for November were approved as follows:

First district	$1,880 70
Second district	1,317 37
Third district	827 5.
Fifth district	731 26
Sixth district	671 0.
Seventh district	495 8.
Board of Viewers	490 00
Engineer's office	1,015 59
Total	$7,171 68

Mr. Finnerty, from a special committee, reported the letting to King & Clay, at $24 25 per thousand feet, the contract for the erection of a wooden bridge over Two mile run at Laurel avenue. Approved.

In the matter of the opening of Hatfield street the committee decided to visit the place on Tuesday afternoon next.

An ordinance for grading, paving and curbing of Twenty-eighth street, South Side, was indefinitely postponed.

A petition for grade on Beltzhoover avenue, Thirty-first ward, was referred to the Engineer.

After some discussion the committee approved as originally presented, an ordinance providing that the Board of Viewers shall make preliminary examination of the plans, etc., for street improvements and report to Councils an estimate of the cost of such improvement before any action is taken thereon.

On the advice of City Attorney Bigelow the ordinance providing for the paving of Penn avenue was laid on the table. Mr. Bigelow reports that it will require an appropriation.

The Castle Shannon Railroad Company was authorized to lay a stone crossing over Carson street and Brownsville avenue.

A crossing was ordered to be placed at Thirteenth and Carson streets.

The resolution from Councils authorizing proposals for laying all kinds of pavement on Wood street was referred to the City Solicitor.

IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED.

The following contracts were let:

For the grading, paving and curbing of Union street, from Fifth avenue to Liberty street, to Henry Lafferty at 36 cents per yard for grading, 60 cents for paving, 32 cents for curbing and 44 cents for curbing.

For the improvement of Liberty avenue, from Thirty-second to Thirty-third street, to J. J. Booth, at following prices: Grading 35 cents, paving 47 cents, curbing 18 cents and 47 cents for crossings.

The following ordinances were affirmatively acted upon: Opening of Boundary street from Hill street to Hill alley; opening of Hill alley from Boundary street to the city line; opening, grading and paving of Harrison street from Fiftieth to Fifty-second street; opening and widening, grading and paving of Green alley from Penn avenue to Duquesne Way; grading and paving of Locust street, and of First street from Penn avenue to Duquesne Way; changing name of Bates street, late Point street, to Fort street; opening of Center avenue and its grading and paving, between Pearl and Wineb ddle street.

Adjourned.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

MR. RICHARD NUTTALL, of Allegheny, was thrown from a wagon on Samson street, yesterday, and badly bruised.

A MAN named Bartlinger, employed on a towboat lying above the first dam in the Monongahela, fell overboard Thursday night and narrowly escaped drowning.

ON THURSDAY evening a slight fire occurred at Hershberger's establishment, on Market street, penanceville. No. 10 Engine Company put out the flames and the loss was trifling.

MR. DOUGHERTY, a resident of New Texas, this county, turned up as the owner of the pocket-book found by sheriff Hare a few days ago, and recovered his property.

HON. S. J. R. MACMILLEN, United States Senator from Minnesota, who has been stopping with his friends in this city for several days, left last night for the National Capital.

THE Chicago Express on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, due here at 12:22 P. M., was detained about three hours yesterday by freight trains on the Western Division.

MCKEE'S dry goods store, on Market street, was entered by burglars yesterday morning who carried away a quantity of calipaes. They tried to break open the cashier's desk, but failed.

JOSEPH SAVILLE was detected while endeavoring to gain access to the money drawer in a cigar store at No. 384 Liberty street. Yesterday the Mayor sent him to the Workhouse for thirty days.

ROBERT MCGONIGLE, Clerk of the Allegheny Board of Poor Directors, has received favorable letters from seven counties in reply to his circular suggesting that a convention of delegates from the several counties be held at Altoona to consider the "tramp" question.

ARRANGEMENTS are now making for a grand concert to be given at the Arch Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Allegheny, on the evening of December 16th, by the Allegheny Quartette Club. The church, corner of North Avenue and Christ churches, and Dr. J. G. McCandless will also take part.

PROMINENT citizens of Allegheny are engaged in a movement looking to the formation of a professional base ball nine for the season of 1876. At a meeting held Thursday evening a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions of stock. Another meeting will be held Monday evening, when a permanent organization will be effected.

AT a regular meeting of Davage Lodge, 374, A. Y. M., held in their hall corner of Beaver avenue and Locust street, Allegheny city, on Thursday evening, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing Masonic year: Harry R. Irvin, W. M.; John Richards, S. W.; B. F. Brown, J. W.; M. G. Clark, treasurer; Jas. Tucker, secretary; John Heath, Wm. Fiaharen and Joseph Chadwick, trustees.

AT the Connellsville Railroad depot, foot of Grant street, important improvements are going forward. A passenger platform are being divided bv a handsome paling fence, in order to establish an exit and entrance way which will be found more convenient. The entrance to the platforms from Grant street, on the outside of the building, is being entirely rebuilt, and improved by a new platform and railing.

M. O'HARA and wife yesterday instituted suit for damages in the Court of Common Pleas No. 2, against Messrs. John G. MacConnell and John M. Kennedy. It is claimed that the plaintiffs placed certain bonds of the Steubenville and Indiana Railroad Company amounting to $24,504, in the hands of the defendants to be used in the conduct of certain actions at law, and that the bonds to the majority of transactions at $7 10@7 12½; heavy hogs at $7 25@7 35.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, December 3.—Cattle—Receipts 2,300 head. Market fairly active and steady; shipping steers at $4 50@5 50; stockers at $3 50@4 50; cows at $2 75@3 75. Shipments 1,800 head.

Hogs—Receipts 1,800 head. Market fairly active and higher; sales at $7 45@7 55; light bacon at $7 45@7 50; packers' at $7 50@7 60; Philadelphias at $7 50. Shipments 3,400 head.

Sheep—Receipts 1,800 head. Poor to fair at $2 50@3 75; best at $4 00@4 50.

St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, December 3.—Hogs—The weather being very warm packers are not buying; prices nominal: Yorkers at $6 25@6 60; packing at $6 60@7 00.

Cattle—Steady; good to choice native steers at $5 00@6 25; medium to fair at $3 50@4 00; cows at $2 25@3 50; stockers at $3 00@3 50; feeders at $4 00@4 25; good to choice Texans at $3 50@4 00; medium to fair at $2 50@3 00.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, December 3.—Hogs quiet; common light at $6 50@6 75; fair to good packing $6 70@7 15; choice heavy at $7 25@7 35.

A MODEL HOTEL.

The St. James, Near the Union Depot.

Travelers by rail who visit a city for the first time invariably seek information concerning the hotels, and it is a matter of the greatest importance to them that they make a good selection in this respect. When a man is away from home it is natural that he should desire to enjoy home comforts at his stopping places. It is the purpose of this article to impart valuable information on this subject to every traveler who reads the COMMERCIAL. There is a large, well finished and magnificently furnished house on Liberty street, opposite the Union Depot, called the St. James Hotel, where the traveling public will find the very best accommodations in the city at very moderate rates. This house, in consequence of its superior appointments, already enjoys a larger share of the travelling patronage than any other hotel in the city. This can be explained upon the ground that when a traveler once enjoys the hospitality of Mr. James E. Lanahan, the proprietor, he never looks further for hotel accommodations. Lanahan, the worthy host of the St. James, is ahead and shoulders above nearly all other landlords. Strangers in the city should by all means stop at the St. James.

Anthracite Coal Stoves.

Every person in want of a really good heating stove should call on Demmler Brothers, 126 and 128 Smithfield street, and purchase one of Speer's celebrated anthracite stoves. These stoves are beautiful in design and give universal satisfaction. City reference by the hundreds.

Messrs. Possiel & Rese.

of the late firm of Gray, Possiel & Rese, No. 41 Fifth avenue, (Mr. Gray having retired from the firm) announce to the public that they have on hand a very large and carefully selected stock of goods for the finer grades of gentlemen's garments. This house has always pre-eminent among Pittsburgh merchant tailoring establishments for the care and skill displayed in the cutting and fitting department, which has always been under the direction of Messrs. Possiel & Rese. Its reputation for the quality of goods, as well as for keeping fully up with the best standards of taste, has been high and well deserved, and it has always enjoyed the patronage of a large number of our most fashionable citizens. The proprietors have made arrangements by which they hope to afford even a higher degree of satisfaction to their customers than ever before, and respectfully solicit a continuance of their patronage. The newest styles and most fashionable fabrics will be introduced here as unanimous with their appearance in New York.

ADDITIONAL MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Central Stock Yards, East Liberty.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, } FRIDAY, December 3, 1875. }

There are no new features to report in regard to the live stock market. Cattle and sheep remain the same as at last report. Philadelphia hogs are still held firm at previous quotations, whilst Yorkers and roughs are dull sale, and shippers of the latter classes complain of losing money. This we know to be true; but so long as purchasers will "bull" the market in the West, they will find "bears" here to meet them. Western buyers hold the cards, and if they do not play them, they should not "squeal" when they get "euchered." If they will but send the telegraphic reports of the COMMERCIAL carefully, they will be familiar with the status of the market here and all over the country, and can at all times govern themselves accordingly.

Through Philadelphia hogs are firm; they are not quotably higher, nor are Yorkers and roughs, though dull, lower, but some assert that they will be. Weavers have sold the cattle and sheep are unchanged. We quote as follows:

CATTLE.

Extra, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs	$6 25@6 50
Good, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs	5 25@5 75
Common to fair, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs	4 75@5 00
Cows and bulls	2 50@4 25

Stockers played out.

HOGS.

Light Philadelphias	$7 45@7 55
Prime heavy	7 60@7 75

SHEEP.

Extra, 100 to 110 lbs	$5 25@5 50
Extra, 90 to 95 lbs	4 75@5 00
Extra 80 to 90 lbs	4 00@4 50
Common 70 to 80 lbs	3 50@4 00

MILCH COWS.

The usual number of milch cows were on sale, and prices ranged from $30 00 to $75 00, as to qualities as milkers.

[By Associated Press.]

New York.

NEW YORK, December 3.—Receipts for 24 hours, 4,900 head, making 43,30 head for four days, against 5,050 head for the same time last week. Drovers inclined common to good native steers and common and ordinary Texas and Cherokee cattle: demand a trifle weaker than yesterday; general market rather quiet; common and prime native steers $5 75@12 75; common to ordinary Texas and Cherokee cattle $3 50@5 00. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 7,400 head, making 12,290 head for four days, against 9,630 head for the same time last week. Lambs scarce and very firm; sheep plenty and a shade easier; poor to fair lambs $5 00@7 00; common to prime sheep $4 50@6 62½.

Swine—Receipts 7,640 head, making 18,800 head for four days, against 15,600 head for the same time last week. None offered alive; city dressed weaker at $9 00@9 62½.

Albany.

ALBANY, December 3.—Cattle—Receipts 322 cars, 66 in excess of last week. Market dull and prices a shade better; average quality of offerings fair; the top price realized was $4 70 for premium; prices for other qualities are about the same as last week.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts 35 cars, 5 less than last week. Demand fair and prices 75c higher; common to fair sheep $4 @$4 50; fair to good $5 00@5 12½; extra $5 00@5 50; common to fair lambs $6 00@6 50; good to extra $7 00@7 50; quality of sheep inferior; lambs ordinary, with few very choice of either kind.

Buffalo.

BUFFALO, December 3.—Cattle—Receipts 995 head; total for the week 7,687 head. No market to-day.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts 1,200 head; total for the week 16,000 head. Market slow with few offering; demand light and prices unchanged.

Hogs—Receipts 5,000 head; total for the week 29,100 head. Market fairly active; all good ones in demand; Yorkers at $7 00@7 15; mixed at $7 10@7 12½; heavy hogs at $7 25@7 35.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, December 3.—Cattle—Receipts 2,300 head. Market fairly active and steady; shipping steers at $4 50@5 50; stockers at $3 50@4 50; cows at $2 75@3 75. Shipments 1,800 head.

Hogs—Receipts 1,800 head. Market fairly active and higher; sales at $7 45@7 55; light bacon at $7 45@7 50; packers' at $7 50@7 60; Philadelphias at $7 50. Shipments 3,400 head.

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Cattle—Steady; good to choice native steers at $5 00@6 25; medium to fair at $3 50@4 00; cows at $2 25@3 50; stockers at $3 00@3 50; feeders at $4 00@4 25; good to choice Texans at $3 50@4 00; medium to fair at $2 50@3 00.

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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

PRODUCE.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, December 3, 1875.

FLOUR—Dull.

GRAIN—Wheat in fair demand but at lower rates and weak; No. 1 Chicago spring $1 01; No. 2 do at $1 01 @ $1 02; rejected $1 02@$1 03½; seller January: No. 3, 85c; rejected 72c. Corn quiet, closing firm; No. 2, 49½c spot; 44½c bid seller December; 43½c seller January; old rejected 43@43½c. Oats dull: No. 2, 29½c spot; 30½c seller January. Barley—Demand light, market firm; No. 2, 94½c spot; 95c seller January. Rye quiet but firm and unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Pork steady with a moderate demand at $19 10@19 20 spot; $19 07½@19 10 seller December; $19 10@19 12½ seller January. Lard steady and in moderate demand; $12 20@12 22½ seller January; 12 32½@12 35c seller February. Bulkmeats firm at 7½@10c; 10@10½c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1 11.

DAIRY—Receipts this afternoon wheat was easy: $1 00¾ December; $1 01¾ January. Corn firmer; 45¾c December; 46c January. Oats lower. Provisions firmer and unchanged.

New York.

NEW YORK, December 3.—Flour still strongly in buyers' favor; receipts 29,000 barrels; superfine extra and State $4 50@5 40; good to choice $5 45@6 50; common to good $5 00@5 25; white wheat extra $6 10@8 00; extra Ohio $5 00@7 50; St. Louis $5 00@9 00. Rye flour firm. Cornmeal steady at $3 10@3 25. Wheat dull and heavy; receipts 128,000 bushels; rejected spring at $1 03 05; ungraded Minnesota, fair to good, $1 10@1 22; No. 2 spring $1 18@1 19; steamer $1 25; amber Michigan $1 34; white Western $1 40. Rye firm at 90c. Barley and malt quiet and nominal. Corn opened a shade firmer; receipts 28,000 bushels; Western mixed on spot 74@75c; No. 2 for December 74½c. Oats a shade firmer and fairly active; receipts 23,000 bushels; No. 2 Western mixed and State 40@41c; white State 44@46c. Hay firm at 70@75c. Hops quiet; Eastern and Western 10@15c. Coffee quiet at 18¾@22c. Sugar firm; fair to good refining 8¾@8¾c; prime and choice grades and rice quiet. Rosin steady at $1 70@1 80. Turpentine dull at 35½@36c. Eggs firm at 29@30c. Pork firmer; uninspected $22 37½@22 50. Cutmeats quiet; Western long clear 10¾c. Lard steady; prime steam 13¾c. Butter—Western 16@25c. Cheese firm; Western 6@12¾c. Whisky firmer at $1 15@1 15¾.

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, December 3.—Sugar steady; common to good common 5¾@6c; fair to fully fair 6¾@7c; prime 7¼@7¾c; choice 7¾@8c; yellow clarified 8¼@8¾c. Molasses—Good grades in demand; fermenting at low rates; centrifugal 25@35c; common to good common 30@35c; fair 40@42c; prime to strictly prime 44@46c; choice 48@50c. Flour dull; superfine $4 00; double extra $4 50; treble do $4 75@5 50; choice and family $5 75@6 50. Oats steady; St. Louis 44@45c; Ohio 54@62c. Bran dull at $1 00. Hay quiet; prime $22 00@24 00. Pork dull; new $22 00@22 50. Dry salt meats dull at 8¼@11½@12c. Bacon easier at 11¾@12¾@13¾c. Hams—Choice sugar cured in demand at 17@17½c; inferior dull at 15@16c. Lard quiet; tierces, packery, 13¾c; refined 13¾c; keg 14¾c. Coffee active and firm; ordinary to prime 18¾@21c. Whisky dull; rectified $1 16@1 15.

Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, December 3.—Flour fairly active and rising; Howard street and Western extra red $4 30; Pennsylvania red $4 35@4 38. Corn—Western mixed quiet; Western mixed, old, 56@57c per 96c. Oats dull and nominal. Western white 41@43c; Western mixed 39@40c. Rye quiet at 84@85c. Hay steady; Maryland and Pennsylvania $22 00@24 00. Provisions unsettled, tending downward. Pork, new, $22 50. Bulkmeats—None offering. Bacon—Shoulders and clear sides 11c; clear rib 14@14½c. Hams 15¾@16c. Lard steady; crude 13¾c; refined 14c. Butter active and firm; Western extras 28@30c; do firsts 25@27c. Coffee strong and active. Whisky steady at $1 15, the firmness of holders: Rio cargoes 18¾@21¾c; jobbing at 19@22¾c. Whisky a shade firmer at $1 16¾@1 17.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, December 3.—Cotton firm at 12¾@12¾c. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet at $1 17@1 35. Corn steady; new 48@50c; white 52@53c. Oats steady and quiet; prices unchanged. Rye dull and nominal. Pork steady, $20 75@21 00 spot; $21 00 seller February; $21 00 seller March. Lard—Prime steam 12¾c spot; 13c buyer March; kettle 13@13¼c. Bulkmeats firm at 7¼@10½@11c, all ten lbs in salt. Bacon firm at 10@13¾@14@15¼c. Whisk firm at $1 11.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3.—Flour irregular; extra $5 25; high grades $7 50@8 50. Wheat—Red Pennsylvania $1 40; do Western $1 00@1 15; amber $1 25@1 43. Rye firm. Corn weak; yellow steam 125